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## Blood drive at Stuchbery

Stuchbery Elementary will host a blood drive in honor of the school's cafeteria manager, Cecilia Espinoza, on Thursday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The donor van will be set up in the front parking lot at the school. To schedule an appointment, visit [www.giveblood.org](http://www.giveblood.org), login to Digital Donor and enter sponsor code S752 or contact Anita Guerrero at 713-740-0752. For more information, visit [www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/235203](http://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/235203) or email [aguerrero@pasadenaisd.org](mailto:aguerrero@pasadenaisd.org).

## Mistletoe Market set

BellaVita's 12th annual Mistletoe Market will feature 76 vendors, shops and food trucks on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The event will take place at 1548 N. Riviera off Scarsdale. Watch for the Mistletoe Market signs on Scarsdale. Admission is \$3.

## Pet vaccinations at SJ

The San Jac College South campus will host its eighth annual World Rabies Day event, in building 7 in Rooms S7.124 and S7.128, offering low-cost pet vaccinations Saturday, Oct. 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. San Jac College biology professor and Texas-licensed veterinarian Dr. Adam Eiler and Dr. Susan Pickle, will provide dog and cat vaccinations at a reduced rate.

Owners need to check in their pets at the registration desk in the P6 parking lot, directly outside the vaccination rooms. All pets should be in carriers or on a leash.

The newest canine vaccinations will be available: rattlesnake, common for hunting dogs, leptospirosis, and influenza. Vaccinations and fees: dogs - rabies, \$10; distemper/parvo, \$15; bordetella, \$15; leptospirosis, \$15; rattlesnake, \$25; influenza, \$25. Cats - rabies, \$10; distemper (FVRCP), \$15; leukemia, \$15. No other services will be offered. Cash only. Proceeds benefit local animal rescue and rehabilitation facilities.

## Genealogy group meets

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet Oct. 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the library at Scarsdale and Beamer. The group meets the first and third Mondays to discuss genealogy research. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

## LegalLine available Oct. 7

LegalLine will be available Wednesday, Oct. 7, from 5 to 9 p.m. LegalLine is a Public Service of the Houston Bar Association where attorneys offer free legal advice over the telephone. Call the HBA office at 713-759-1133.

## Moore seeks vendors

Moore Elementary is currently seeking vendors for Friday, Oct. 23, to display goods during the annual Hawk Fest. Interested parties should contact Silvia Luna at 713-740-0656 or email [SiLuna@Pasadenaisd.org](mailto:SiLuna@Pasadenaisd.org).

## DHS homecoming dance set

The Dobie homecoming dance will be held in the Dobie cafeteria on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 7 to 11 p.m. Tickets will go on sale Monday, Oct. 5, through Friday, Oct. 9, at lunch for \$15. No tickets will be sold at the door. Pick up paperwork for outside the school guest in the front office starting Oct. 1.

## Kirkmont 1 sets NNO

The board members of Kirkmont 1 will have cake and punch for its community on Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Kirkmont MUD building at 10102 Blackhawk.

## DHS Orchestra concerts set

The Dobie Orchestra will hold its Masquerade Serenade Fall Concert Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Dobie auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public. There will be a Halloween costume contest for children ages 0-18 years age. The Dobie Orchestra will be holding its Honor Orchestra Recording Concert on Thursday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Dobie auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public.

## JFD seeks nominations

J. Frank Dobie High School is accepting nominations for the 2016 Hall of Honor through Oct. 16. Individuals may be nominated in the following categories: alumni, community volunteer, faculty/staff/administrator, and fallen hero. Nominations can be submitted online at [http://dobie.pasadenaisd.org/campus\\_information/hall\\_of\\_honor](http://dobie.pasadenaisd.org/campus_information/hall_of_honor). Forms are also available at the high school in the front office.

## SVFD hosts Kidsafe event

The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department will host Operation Kidsafe Safety and Wellness Day Saturday, Oct. 10, at the fire station at 10510 Scarsdale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free child safety kits, including digital fingerprints and photographs, will be issued. Operation Kidsafe safety cards will also be printed on-site. All children 1 year and older and special-needs adults are encouraged to attend. State Farm Agent Steve Sipes is responsible for organizing and underwriting the event. For information, call 832-619-1397.

# Evening of Cuisine auction items accumulate

## Items include one-week Hawaiian vacation, hot air balloon ride and stargazing dinner

Auction items are beginning to accumulate for the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's annual Evening of Cuisine, set to take place Thursday, Oct. 15, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer, from 6 to 9 p.m. (Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for VIPs.)

Perhaps the most sought after auction item is a one-week Hawaiian vacation. Donated by Southeast Volunteer Fire Department Chief Chuck Tyka, the travel package includes a seven-night stay at the Point at Poipu Resort on the island of Kauai, nicknamed "the Garden Isle." Accommodations are a two-bedroom oceanfront condo with a fully equipped kitchen, flat-screen TVs, a

dining room and a veranda.

Unique auction items include a one-hour hot air balloon ride complete with champagne (donated by Meador Staffing), a stargazing party and dinner for 10 at San Jacinto College, a chance to name two area streets and a ride on a ship simulator at San Jacinto College.

Additional auction items include 10 Houston Astros tickets (two sets), a grill with steaks, a bicycle, wine baskets and a Christmas basket.

Now in its 18th year, the Evening of Cuisine allows attendees to sample food from a wide variety of local vendors.

Confirmed vendors include Savannah Café &

Bakery, Barcenas Mexican Restaurant, Rice and Pho, Randy's BBQ, The Egg & I, San Jacinto College Culinary Department, Chick-fil-A Pearl Land, Silver Eagle Distributors, Andy's Hawg Wild Bar B Que, H-E-B Blackhawk, Papagayos Mexican Cantina, Time Out Sports Bar, Sicily Pizza and Southern Komfort Kitchen.

Awards will be given to best entree, best dessert, best decorated, rookie of the year, people's

choice and best of show.

Dining tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door and are available at the chamber, 10500 Scarsdale; ACE Central Hardware, 11676 Beamer; Primeway Federal Credit Union (inside H-E-B), 9828 Blackhawk; and the Leader offices, 11555 Beamer.

For more information, call chamber Executive Director Sherry Trainer at 281-481-5516.

# Dobie students fight off campus

Multiple clashes between Dobie High School students have taken place this past week off campus.

The fights, reportedly between black students and Hispanic students, have occurred after school at least twice at a park near the bus stop at Kirkville and Grandbrook in the Clear Brook Meadows subdivision.

The fights may have involved as many as 50 students by some estimates. Other witnesses put

the number at closer to 20 students.

At least one of the brawls has been posted to YouTube.

The fights have subsided following regular patrols by the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office and the Pasadena Independent School District Police Department.

Police said the fights are currently under investigation, noting that some of the individuals involved had been identified through the video.

# Martin, others speak at meeting

Representatives from multiple city departments spoke Tuesday, Sept. 22, at a town hall meeting hosted by District E City Council Member Dave Martin.

David Herbert, director of communications for the Houston Airport System, spoke on the future spaceport to be located at Ellington Airport.

Approved by the Federal Aviation Administration this past June, the facility will be the 10th of its kind in the nation.

"This is the Houston Airport System's response to what can be done with Ellington Field," Hebert said. "The facility is now almost 100 years old. How can we make it financially self-sustaining? This area has a rich history of aerospace. It only makes sense."

The spaceport launches being proposed for Ellington Airport would involve reusable vehicles executing horizontal, rather than vertical, take-offs, departing in a fashion similar to commercial aircraft.

The facility was initially approved by City Council in July 2013.

Public Works and Engineering Assistant Director Diane Lowery-Binnie spoke on the issue of potholes in the city. Lowery-Binnie said that since the city had implemented the use of Google coordinates to streamline routing, productivity had increased by 60 percent.

"We're going to fix these hazards," Lowery-Binnie said.

Attendees were told to report problematic potholes to the city's helpline at 311.

Houston Police Department Capt. Jerome Stevens shared crime statistics for the Clear Lake Division (District 12).

While the number of year-to-date burglary of a habitation calls reduced by 27 percent when compared to last year's figures, the number of year-to-date burglary of a motor vehicle calls jumped by a dramatic 18 percent, Stevens said.

To reduce the number of home burglaries, Stevens advised attendees to not leave money

or jewelry in plain view, to keep garage doors closed, keep bushes trimmed and set timers on lights and electronics.

To reduce the number of vehicle break-ins, Stevens again advised to not leave valuables in plain view, to always lock doors and roll up windows and to never move items from the car to the trunk while in view.

Brian Bacik, senior director of development for General Growth Properties of Chicago, spoke on the proposed renovations to Baybrook Mall. Bacik said the renovations will be broken into two parts - a lifestyle section and a power center section.

The 300,000-square-foot lifestyle section will feature several dining and entertainment options, while the 270,000-square-foot power center section will feature more retail shops. Bacik said two or three existing shops will move from their current locations in the mall to the new sections but the majority of the remaining 40 shops will be new to Baybrook.

The lifestyle section will also feature an open outdoor space to be used for movies and other family activities, such as Easter egg hunts, Bacik said.

The lifestyle section is set to open in November of this year, while the power center section is scheduled to open in October 2016.

While he shied away from mentioning too many specifics, Martin used the occasion to announce his plan to build a community center at Sylvan Rodriguez Park, located near the intersection of Clear Lake City Boulevard and Highway 3.

Martin described the future facility as his "legacy item" and said the center would host senior activities and exercise programs.

The council member said talks are currently underway with Harris County Commissioner Jack Morman's office and that the project would likely be funded by the city but operated by the county.

# Pct. 2 deputies seek assault suspect

The Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office is searching for a suspect wanted for an aggravated assault charge. Deputies responded to a disturbance call around 9:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, in the 11400 block of Quincewood in the Woodmeadow subdivision to find that the suspect, Javier Villarreal, had pistol-whipped his

girlfriend in the head, accidentally discharging the weapon. She was not struck by a bullet.

Villarreal, 37, fled the scene and remained at large at press time.

Anyone with any information on Villarreal's whereabouts is urged to contact the constable's office at 281-481-9189.

## Signs give mixed signals

The pair of signs pictured to the right at the intersection of Hughes Road and Sageyork caused much confusion to local drivers this past week, as they seemed to give mixed messages. The stop sign has since been removed. The construction is part of the ongoing project to replace the paving on Hughes Road from Beltway 8 to the Houston city limits in Sageyork.

Photo by Marie Flickinger



# Filing ends for Houston elections

The deadline to file with the City of Houston for a position on the Nov. 3 ballot recently passed, with both local City Council members running unopposed.

District D Council Member Dwight Boykins and District E Council Member Dave Martin will both maintain their positions, as they are not being challenged.

Competing for the At-Large Position 1 City Council spot are (in alphabetical order) M. "Griff" Griffin, Mike Knox, Lane Lewis, Tom McCasland, Chris Oliver, James Partsch-Galván, Jennifer Rene Pool and Georgia Provost.

Vying for the At-Large Position 2 spot are Andrew C. Burks Jr., Willie R. Davis, Eric Dick, Moe Rivera and David W. Robinson.

On the At-Large Position 3 ballot are Michael Kubosh, John Christian Bullitt LaRue, Joseph McElligott and Doug Peterson.

Candidates appearing on the At-Large Position 4 ballot are Larry Blackmon, Amanda Edwards, Jonathan Hansen, Roy Morales, Matt Murphy, Laurie Robinson and Evelyn Husband Thompson.

At-Large Position 5 candidates are J. Brad Batteau, Jack Christie, Sharon Moses and Philippe Nassif.

A total of 13 people have filed to replace term-limited Houston Mayor Annise Parker, who has

been in office since 2010.

Presumptive front-runners include state Rep. Sylvester Turner, former Harris County Sheriff Adrian Garcia, former Kemah Mayor Bill King, City Council Member Stephen Costello, former City Attorney Ben Hall, former Congressman and City Council Member Chris Bell and businessman Marty McVey.

Rounding out the ballot are (in alphabetical order) Joe Ferreira, Victoria A. Lane, Rafael Muñoz Jr., Hoc Thai Nguyen, Demetria Smith and Dale Steffes.

The biennial election is officially nonpartisan. If no candidate wins a majority of the vote, a runoff will be held on Dec. 12 between the top two finishers.

Also appearing on the ballot is the controversial Houston Equal Rights Ordinance (HERO).

The ordinance bans discrimination based on a series of classes - including sex, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, religion, disability, pregnancy and genetic information, as well as family, marital or military status - but opponents have focused on its protection of sexual orientation and gender identity.

HERO is expected to draw many to the polls who typically do not vote in city elections.

Early voting will begin Monday, Oct. 19, and continue through Friday, Oct. 30.

# Church pumpkin patch to open

Despite rumors to the contrary, CrossRoads United Methodist Church (formerly Cokesbury United Methodist Church), 10030 Scarsdale, will once again have its annual fall pumpkin patch, with pumpkins scheduled to arrive Saturday, Oct. 10, around 1 p.m.

The Great Big Pumpkin Patch will be open from Oct. 11 through Oct. 31. Hours are noon to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and from noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Other activities include story time (in both English and Spanish) and tea parties.

"Make your plans to come by and select your pumpkin and receive a blessing too," said CrossRoads spokeswoman Christine Schoots.

CrossRoads United Methodist Church was formed this past June after Cokesbury United Methodist Church combined with ChristWay Community Church of Friendswood.

See related ad on Page 6A.

# Community prepares for NNO 2015

Multiple local events are planned for the 2015 National Night Out, set to take place Tuesday, Oct. 6, in what is shaping up to be one of the most active NNOs in recent history.

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz, Precinct 1 Commissioner El Franco Lee and Precinct 2, Place 1 Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado will host an NNO event at the courthouse annex at 10851 Scarsdale and Beamer from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Food, games and refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact an NNO coordinator at 713-274-0877.

The Sagemont Civic Club, along with Houston District D City Council Member Dwight Boykins, will host an NNO event at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Representatives from the Houston Police De-

partment and other city officials are expected to take part in the event.

Popcorn, lemonade and hot dogs will be served. Attendees are asked to also bring a covered dish to share. Additional parking will be available at the swimming pool next door.

RSVP to the Sagemont Park Community Center at 281-922-2343.

The Kirkwood Civic Club will host an NNO event titled Connecting Community at Beverly Hills Intermediate, 11111 Beamer, from 6 to 9 p.m.

For additional information, contact Kirkwood Civic Club President Ericka McCutcheon at 281-989-9990 or [erickamcc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:erickamcc@sbcglobal.net).

Now in its 32nd year, NNO aims to improve and promote the relationship between police and the community and educate the public about crime prevention in an effort to make neighborhoods safer.

# HPD promotes National Night Out



Officer Richard Buitron of the Houston Police Department is shown above with a banner promoting the annual National Night Out, set to take place Tuesday, Oct. 6. Founded in 1983, the event is aimed at preventing crime by encouraging neighbors to communicate with each other, as well as local law enforcement officers.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

# In My Opinion

## Ybarra: A third letter to America

America continues to defy God in many ways as it heads towards the inevitable judgment. A recent example of this defiance happened when a young educated TV Analyst, out of the blue, said, "I have the right to choose, the Supreme Court gave me that right." That unscripted statement did not trigger a reaction, much less a discussion.

Why not? Could it be because our educated masses have not been taught God's basic Commandments, Statutes, and Laws, such as, "Thou shall not kill," "Love your neighbor," and "teach your young women to love their children?" You bet!

The TV Analyst and America seem to be unaware of The Word of God which says "it is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man." But instead of following God's advice, America has put its trust and confidence in Man (Mankind), with tragic results.

This is exactly what happened after the Supreme Court legalized abortion by its 7-9 decision. Now many, like the above analyst, politicians, and a political party, proudly support the killing of the smallest & defenseless human beings (the unborn).

But how can you trust justices who do not follow God's most basic laws, and His admonitions to protect those least able to protect themselves and always to judge in favor of the righteous and against the wicked? Such ungodliness should never be trusted.

Those unjust judges will be held accountable before God for what they did. However, these judges were not held accountable here on earth as they should have.

Our constitution states that judges are to hold their offices "during good behavior." Therefore, justices who vote in favor of what God calls "wicked", or "evil," should be impeached and removed from office.

After all, how can anyone say that judges are holding their offices in "good behavior" when they are going against God's Supreme Laws?

God's wish has always been that Man (Mankind) repents of their wicked/sinful ways and seek him so they can have eternal life and be with him in heaven. You are not just flesh and bones. You have a soul which God gave you. The moment you die that soul will go to one of two places, heaven or hell. Which will it be?

**Manuel Ybarra**  
Coalgate, Okla.

## Velasquez voices safety concerns

I was wondering if you could put something in the *Leader* about several Vehicles that have been left unlocked have been burglarized a lot this last week or so, I know on Camberbrook Court as well as Raybrook Court that I have heard of so far and I am sure others just to keep them locked up and also keep lighting on, The Constables were called on these streets.

I also have been getting told on my Clear Brook Meadows FB that we have had several fights in and around the pool area after school and also right here off Kirkville just past Chelsea Brook near the Pipeline just this month and if you could give out the Constables Number these have included Dobie High School Students since they are coming from the school and I have had several witness notify me but I tell them they need to call the constables as soon as they see something.

Thank you,  
**Sylvia Velasquez**  
**Publisher's note:** Except for College Place subdivision, the county subdivisions should call Constable Chris Diaz dispatch at 713-477-4070. City and College Place residents should call 911.

—Marie Flickinger

# Elected officials share their words

## Sullivan works to register voters in Harris County

October 5: Deadline to register to vote

Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Mike Sullivan reminds residents that the last day to register to vote is Oct. 5, 2015, for the Nov. 3 election.

"With the deadline to register to vote around the corner, we've been working very hard to increase voter registration in Harris County," said Sullivan. "Just this year, we've ramped up our outreach effort, hosting more than 15 voter registration drives, training more than 1,622 volunteer deputy voter registrars, registering voters at the U.S. Naturalization Ceremony and visiting local schools and assisting high school seniors to register to

vote. These efforts have led to more than 100,517 voters added to the voter roll this year, with Harris County leading the state with 2,054,215 registered voters."

Residents can register to vote at any Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector branch location or pick up a voter registration application at any public library or U.S. post office.

"This November's election is incredibly important, as we will be deciding on many races, from the next mayor of Houston to ballot initiatives like the property tax homestead exemption increase," said Sullivan. "I want every eligible citizen to

be registered to vote and prepared."

State law requires citizens to be registered to vote 30-days prior to the election date. Voter registration applications can be submitted to any tax assessor-collector branch location before 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 5 or mailed in with a U.S. postmark date of no later than Oct. 5, 2015.

If a registered voter has moved within Harris County or had their name changed, they can update their voter registration information by visiting [www.hctx.net](http://www.hctx.net) and clicking on the Name/Address Change button under the Voter Registration tab.

## Taylor reappointed co-chairman

Tapped to lead important coastal committee

On Sept. 25, 2015, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick announced that Sen. Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood, has been reappointed as co-chairman of the Joint Interim Committee to Study a Coastal Barrier System. This 23-member committee is composed of the members of the standing Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Land and Resource Management, as well as two coastal members appointed by leadership from each chamber.

"Progress on storm surge suppression must move forward before we face another major storm," said Taylor. "It's our responsibility as

state legislators to facilitate a proactive approach to protect our state's many interests along the coast."

The Joint Interim Committee to Study a Coastal Barrier System was originally created through legislation by Taylor in 2013. Due to impending expiration, Taylor passed Senate Bill 695 during the 2015 legislative session to ensure that the committee is able to continue their important work. The committee will resume studying the feasibility of constructing a coastal barrier protection system that will protect the people most vulnerable to hurricanes and other damaging weather

events.

"I am proud to appoint Sen. Larry Taylor as co-chair to the Joint Interim Committee to Study the Coastal Barrier System," said Patrick. "He brings both the background and experience to deal with this issue and the understanding of why it is so important that this matter be addressed, on behalf of not just the coastal region but the entire state."

Taylor and General Land Commissioner George P. Bush later toured Senate District 11 to observe the progress of the many General Land Office projects along the coast.

# Deaths

## James Grant Kelley Sr.



James Grant Kelley Sr., 74, of South Houston, died Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015, after fighting and beating stage 4 colon cancer. He was born Aug. 6, 1941, in Taylor, Texas, to John and Luzelle Kelley. He was a South Belt area resident.

Kelley was active for many years in the South Houston Girls Softball Association as a parent, coach, president and umpire, and formed many lifelong friendships through softball. He not only supported his children in softball, but in basketball, volleyball, orchestra and band — even though his children attended South Houston and he graduated from Pasadena.

Kelley is preceded in death by his father, John, sisters Joyce and Doris, and his wife of more than 27 years, Charline.

He is survived by his mother, Luzelle Kelley; brother John Kelley and sister-in-law Dink; brother Darrell "Mickey" Kelley and sister-in-law Sherry; sister Delores "Sunshine" Nolen; daughters Yvette Fairchild, Valerie Kelley and Kimberly Kelley; son James Kelley Jr. and his partner, Mason Alves; grandchildren Caitlin Fairchild, Charles Fairchild and Brandon Jones; sister-in-law Frances Brown and husband Glynn Theriot; brother-in-law Billy Brown and wife Karen; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. He also leaves behind his work family of 14 years at Oxy.

Kelley remarried after the death of his wife and also leaves behind his second wife, Carol, her children

Kim, Eric and Beka, and their spouses, children and grandchildren.

Kelley will be cremated and interred in a private family service in Nolanville, Texas. There will be a celebration of life held at 2 p.m. on Oct. 4, 2015, at the SPJST Lodge 172, 3609 Preston in Pasadena.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or a charity of choice.

## Evelyn Marie Moon



Evelyn Marie Moon, 69, of South Belt, died peacefully on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015. She was born on Oct. 22, 1945.

Moon was known and loved by numerous people. Working at Shell, Moon made many friends and inspired others to live as she had, with kindness and compassion. Her hobbies were gardening and reading. In her hobby she had achieved the title of Master Gardener while in the company of others who shared her passion. When she wasn't out tending to plants, she would be inside, reading and spending time with her family.

Moon helped nurture the lives of many, from stray animals, to family, and even strangers. Anytime she saw an animal that was hungry, it was fed.

When she saw one without a home, she gave it shelter. Anytime someone ever asked for help, she gave it. She was a mother to one and grandmother to three.

Friends, family and loved ones are to gather at Niday Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Road in Houston,

to remember and celebrate Moon's life on Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015, at 10 a.m.

## Willie L. Smith Jr.



Willie L. Smith Jr., 43, died Monday, Sept. 28, 2015, after a battle with cancer. He was born on May 7, 1972.

A 1991 Dobie graduate, Smith was a talented guitarist.

Smith is survived by his father, Willie L. Smith Sr.; mother Brenda F. Smith Goode; sister Jennifer D. Smith; and numerous relatives and friends.

The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015, at Calvary Hill Chapel, 21723 Aldine Westfield Road in Humble, with visitation prior to the service at 10 a.m. Interment will be at Calvary Hill Cemetery.

At the family's request, casual attire is preferred.

## Leader obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the *Leader* are published free of charge. There must be a South Belt connection. Obituaries are edited to conform to the *Leader* style.

## Free workforce training available

Unemployed or incumbent workers may qualify for free workforce training at San Jacinto College through the H-1 B Gulf Coast Ready to Work Petrochemical grant, funded by the U.S. Department of Labor.

The grant will allow participants to receive tuition assistance to pursue courses that will lead to certifications that are widely recognized and often required for employment throughout the petrochemical manufacturing industry. Military veterans who fit the criteria will be given priority, and those who have been unemployed for 27 weeks or more may

receive additional funding.

Grant-funded courses available include National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER)-certified welding, pipefitting, electrical, and industrial maintenance; and engineering design graphics, non-destructive testing, project management, and Lean Six Sigma. Funding may also be used to pursue credit courses for a certificate of technology.

The Ready to Work grant partnership consists of San Jacinto College, College of the Mainland, Lee College, and Brazosport College. The grant aims to meet the regional employment needs of

the petrochemical and other manufacturing industries for middle and upper-level science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) employees in areas where companies might otherwise seek H-1 B visa holders.

A project management professional (PMP) boot camp starts on Oct. 19, and a Lean Six Sigma green belt class starts on Oct. 26. Other classes start in January 2016, with registration starting soon. To obtain more information and an application packet for the H-1 B Gulf Coast Ready to Work Petrochemical grant, visit [sanjac.edu/GCRTW-Grant](http://sanjac.edu/GCRTW-Grant).

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## PW Library Book Sale

Helping with the Friends of the Parker Williams Library Book Sale are, left to right, Julie Groening and Rosemary Carraway.

Photo submitted



## Tax-Aide volunteers sought

Each year from Feb. 1 through April 15, Houston-area AARP Tax-Aide volunteers help about 50,000 low-income taxpayers and those who are age 60 and over. For the 2016 tax season, volunteers are needed now for two weekly four-hour shifts as a Tax-Aide tax counselor, greeter, technology coordinator or administrator. Training will be provided in January at local Clear Lake-area churches. Speakers of Spanish and English are especially needed. Learn more and sign up at [www.aarp.org/tavolunteer8](http://www.aarp.org/tavolunteer8) (English only).

## Local library events set

### Parker Williams Branch

The following events are scheduled this week at the Parker Williams Branch Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.

Thursday, Oct. 1, at 4 p.m. — Movie Madness will present *Coraline*, rated PG.

Friday, Oct. 2, at 2 p.m. — Movie Time for Adults will present *Meet Me in St. Louis*.

Wednesdays — Preschool storytime is at 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays — Toddler storytime is at 10:30 a.m.

Saturdays — Vietnamese Storytime: Level 2 begins at 10 a.m., Level 1 begins at 11:15 a.m., and Level 3 begins at 2:30 p.m. For more information, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on programs, call the Parker Williams Library at 281-484-2036.

### Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for October at the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint Road.

Every Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. - Family storytime, followed by a storytime-themed craft and playtime at 11 a.m.; Noon - Toddler Yoga.

Every Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. - Toddler storytime, followed by Toddler Playtime at 11 a.m.; 2 p.m. - Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. - Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. - Intro to MS PowerPoint.

Every Thursday: 4 p.m. - Kids Craft.

Bracewell hours are Sunday and Monday - Closed; Tuesday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday noon to 8 p.m.; Friday 1 to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information on programs, call the Bracewell Library at 832-393-2580.

## Tweens Read Book Festival Oct. 3

Students, parents, educators and book enthusiasts are invited to celebrate the written word at the greater Hous-

ton area fifth annual Tweens Read Book Festival Saturday, Oct. 3, at South Houston High School.

Tweens Read connects students in grades 5-8 with local and nationally renowned authors. The event will feature multiple award-winning authors representing various adolescent genres including: Jonathan Maberry, best known for the *Pine Deep Trilogy*; Kekla Magoon, best known for *How it Went Down*; Jennifer Nielsen, best known for *The Ascendance Trilogy*; and many more.

The authors will be available to autograph books and answer questions during panel discussions.

The event's proven success is in the numbers. Last year, the event attracted more than 1,400 students, along with 28 authors and illustrators.

Tweens Read was founded by a bookseller and librarian who aspired to promote literacy among pre-teenagers. The festival is a collaborative effort by the Pasadena Independent School District Office of Libraries and Instruction, South Houston High School, Blue Willow Bookshop, the University of Houston, and community volunteers. Organizers hope the festival will educate, enrich, inform, entertain and ignite a passion for reading and writing in the tween community.

"Pasadena ISD is thrilled to have another opportunity to host 'Tweens Read,'" Christine Van Hamersveld, Pasadena ISD director of Libraries and Instructional Materials said. "This event creates a

sense of community among readers and allows them to share their excitement and thoughts about books with their favorite authors and fellow students. Meeting the authors, learning about the books they have written and their upcoming projects motivates students to read. It also has a lasting impact on students and their development as readers."

The event is free to the public. To avoid lines, register online by visiting the website <http://tweensread.com/>.

## Meador Fire Prevention Art Contest winners



Pasadena Fire Marshal's Office, in partnership with Harris County Fire Fighters Association, promotes the annual Fire Prevention Week campaign through the Fire Prevention Poster Contest. The theme this year is *Hear the Beep when you Sleep, Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Detector*. The winners from Meador Elementary School are, left to right, (front row) Luis Saucedo, Kimberly Rodriguez, Itzel Sosa, Brianna Schulgen, Zachary Staten, Kallynn JnLouis, (middle row) Laila Campbell, De-

marcus Walker, Chris Rodriguez, Aliana Moreno, Leonela Aguilar, Aleia Cardenas, (back row) Art Director Cecelia Stewart, Eli Yu, Cameron Colquit, James Taylor, Jaylen Robinson, Alex Escobar and Arrianna Borrego. First-, second- and third-place winners will advance to compete with other school districts. The posters will also be on display at Pasadena Town Square from Oct. 5 through Oct. 10. Pictured with the winners is Meador Principal Beverly Bolton (back right).  
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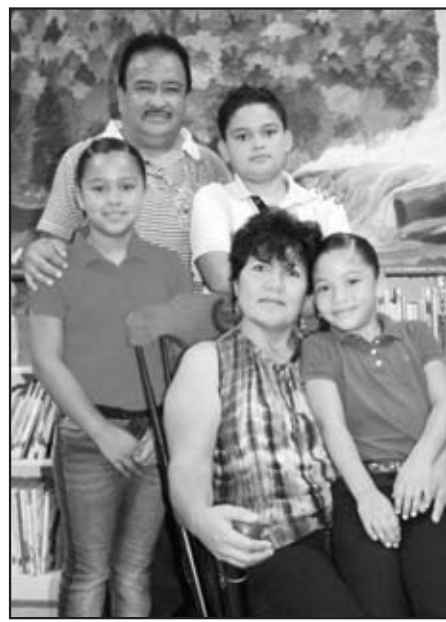
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## Frazier celebrates Grandparents Day with breakfast

Frazier Elementary hosted its annual Grandparent's Day Breakfast recently with more than 250 grandparents visiting the campus during the weeklong event. Grandparents were invited to enjoy a delicious breakfast with their grandchild followed by an opportunity to have a family picture taken. *Photo submitted*



Pictured are, left to right, (sitting in chair) grandmother Letty Garza, Genesis Leal, (standing) Karyme Leal, grandfather Victor Leal and Nathan Leal.



Left to right are Keiley Anthony, Linda Anthony and Lee Anthony.



Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Celeste Arriaga, Yolanda Arriaga, Ezekiel Arriaga and (back row) Lupe Arriaga.



Pictured are, left to right, Burke Feil, Tom Jennings and Sandy Jennings.

## South Belt resident co-founds anti-bullying organization for students with disabilities

South Belt resident Jermaine Leahman, at the surface, is a typical, involved parent. His interaction with his 8-year-old son appears to be as traditional as any father-son relationship. What you can't see is the fear that has been brewing beneath the surface ever since the day he returned to the United States from deployment in Afghanistan to live with the reality that his son was diagnosed with autism. His story is all too common now. Rates of autism prevalence have risen over 117 percent in the past 15 years and many parents have to face the realities of finding a way to help their children thrive with this "incurable" disorder.

Instead of solely relying on clinicians and educators to help with his son's treatment, Leahman turned his paranoia into power and started making strides to ensure that the world his children live in will not simply be aware of this rampant disorder, but prepared to embrace those on the autism spectrum. He, along with co-founder Micolette Davis, created H.U.G.S. for Autism (H.U.G.S. stands for Hope, Understanding, Guidance and Social acceptance) and began designing programs to assist children with ASD in the process of integrating into various peer groups at their schools.

Their first initiative, the No Bull Peer Ambassador Program is currently being implemented on three campuses in the Pasadena Independent School District: J.

Frank Dobie, Pasadena and Sam Rayburn high schools. With both founders being former educators, starting this program in schools was the obvious way to begin.

"We want to change the climate and culture in schools. Bullying is a silent epidemic plaguing many children, but kids on the spectrum are four times more likely to be bullied in schools. That didn't sit well with me," said Leahman.

Student leaders from all grade levels are thoughtfully selected to serve as ambassadors for students on the spectrum who spend the majority of their school days in mainstream classrooms. "Having a program like this is important because children with autism have historically been misunderstood, and they are now spending their days outside of the perceived safety of a special education classroom," said Davis. "We chose to utilize student leaders because of their obvious influence with their peers."

The Peer Ambassadors are trained in several sessions on how to understand and advocate for individuals with ASD and other intellectual/developmental disabilities as well as how to safely intervene when bullying is taking place.

Mellanee Wilson, program advisor, believes that having an anti-bullying program that addresses the unique needs of students with special needs is critical. "Having H.U.G.S. at our school provides a vi-

tal avenue for encouraging positive relationships and building compassion for differences. I am elated to be a part of this innovative program with such passionate individuals," Wilson adds.

The Peer Ambassador Program reaches beyond the needs of special needs students. It is strategically aimed at mitigating bullying and eliminating the spread of harmful messages about others. "We are training our ambassadors to take very systematic steps to change the student perspective towards bullying," said Leahman. "But we cannot expect all of the work to be done during the school day alone," Davis added.

That's why H.U.G.S. for Autism is hosting the *Run Walk Skip Against Bullying*. The old adage "It takes a village," holds true when it comes to ensuring consistency in changing mindsets toward bullying. The event will be held in and around Burke Crenshaw Park in Pasadena with late registration starting at 8 a.m. on Halloween. This fun-filled family experience will have two unique routes.

The 5K Run/Walk route will take place on sections of Burke and Crenshaw Roads and the "Skip" portion is extra special. Children ages 2-11 will be encouraged to skip against bullying along the on-premises 1K jogging trail. They will receive unique messages from No Bull Peer Ambassadors and other local high school students as they make pit-stops at the various trick or treat

stations along the trail. All residents of Greater Houston are encouraged to attend and make a proud demonstration as a unified community against bullying. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go to funding and expanding the No Bull Program.

For more information and to register for the walk, visit [www.hugsforautism.org](http://www.hugsforautism.org).

### About H.U.G.S. for Autism

H.U.G.S. for Autism is a 501c3 organization that was founded by former educators who have experienced firsthand the social challenges youth with an autism spectrum disorder face every day. Its mission is to create various opportunities for youth with autism spectrum disorder throughout schools and communities in the footprint.

The program utilizes social and emotional learning methods to teach purpose, principal, and virtue to all children, so that they may live fulfilled lives with a strong sense of self-value.

Its current initiative, the No Bull Peer Ambassador Program, creates protective peer groups inside of K-12 schools and instills empathy and social acceptance throughout the student body. H.U.G.S. are located in Houston and are currently serving the Greater Houston area.

For more information, call 281-668-8910. Also visit online at [www.hugsforautism.org](http://www.hugsforautism.org) and "like" on Facebook and Instagram.

## PLT presents *Everything in the Garden*

Pasadena Little Theatre, Houston's oldest commu-

nity theater in continuous operation, will present *Ev-*



Pictured are Sandi Morgan, Steve Quimby and Darrell Collins in Pasadena Little Theatre's *Everything in the Garden* by Edward Albee, directed by Gregory R. Brown. *Photo submitted*

erything In The Garden, a MysDrama by Edward Albee, from the play by Giles Cooper.

In this adaptation, Richard and his wife, Jenny, are hunting and following the American dream while the corruption of money, the rottenness of a bigoted suburbia and conformity to its illiberal standards and hypocritical show of respectability are all that count.

Pasadena's presentation of *Everything In The Garden* features as director well-known stage actor and director Gregory R. Brown along with an outstanding cast.

This promises to be a

very thought provoking show and one that will be a sellout.

This production opens on Oct. 16 and continues weekends through Nov. 1.

Friday and Saturday show times are 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 3 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors.

There is one Thursday show at 8 p.m. on Oct. 29. This is PLT's special Two-Can-Attend for \$20 night.

To purchase tickets, make reservations, or for more information, call the box office at 713-941-1758 or log onto [www.pasadenalittletheatre.org](http://www.pasadenalittletheatre.org).

## LSA teachers, students visit with former senator



Lutheran South Academy students and teachers are pictured with former Sen. George Mitchell. Pictured are, left to right, Shayla Davis, Avery Toomes, Serena Everett, Morgan Bates, Joroen

Twelve Lutheran South Academy students accompanied Archie Buchman and Renee Kahre to attend an evening with former Sen. George Mitchell, sponsored by the World Affairs Council.

Mitchell shared memories of his life and experiences not only as a child of immigrants, but of his service as the former majority leader of the Senate.

Mitchell's contributions to the field of peace negotiations are extensive, serving a lead role in brokering the Northern Ireland Peace accords and most recently in Middle Eastern negotiations.

Throughout the evening, Mitchell addressed topics ranging from Supreme Court decisions, election financing, immigration, and legislative reform.

LSA students had an opportunity to meet briefly and share a photo with Mitchell, and he shared that he felt right at home with the students, as he is a father of both a freshman and senior.

Verswijer, Patrick Grigsby, Mitchell, Sean Peterson, Thomas Modica, Reed Villareal, Dylan Wood, Connor Vining and Harrison Little. *Photo submitted*

## UHCL open house features on-site admission

Potential Hawks can check out the nest at University of Houston-Clear Lake's Fall Open House on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with check-in at the university's Student Services and Classroom Building, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Prospective transfer students and graduate students, along with family and friends, are invited to the biannual event for food,

fun, on-site applications and information.

Erica Chance, enrollment management coordinator, said the event will allow students to meet faculty and staff, learn more about the university's many programs and get to know the community.

"They'll just get an overall feel of the great university environment we have," she said, noting UH-Clear Lake's student body, active

student organizations and diverse academic programs are key strengths.

The university will waive the usual \$45 application fee for on-site applications, or in the case of international students, a \$45 deduction will be applied to the usual \$75 application fee.

Prospective students can even receive an on-the-spot admissions decision. Students interested in pursuing on-the-spot admission

should bring two copies of all official transcripts in sealed envelopes. The transcripts should be less than 60 days old.

On-the-spot admission decisions will not be available for international students or students applying for the Masters of Healthcare Administration/Masters of Business Administration, registered nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Doctorate

in Educational Leadership, Applied Behavior Analysis Certificate, professional psychology or counseling programs. Students in these groups can still submit their normal application during the open house or simply learn more about their programs.

Chance said the on-site applications are popular at the event, noting that last spring's open house saw more than 340 applications submitted the day of the open house. She expects this number to continue to grow.

"There's always been an increase each semester of the applications that are submitted each open house," she said.

The event will also feature an MBA Morning Mixer with faculty and students of the business program, and UHCL Open House attendees can meet with financial aid experts, faculty, enrollment management counselors and student organizations throughout the event for information and guidance.

In addition to academic and university information, attendees can enjoy campus tours, face painting, a photo booth and the UHCL book store.

UHCL mascot, Hunter the Hawk, is also expected to swoop in for the event.

For more information, visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/open> or call UHCL's Office of Admissions at 281-283-2515. Registration is requested at the website in order to receive more details, but walk-ins will also be welcome.

## Electricians pursuing certificates, degrees to become marketable for hire

The Houston region is known to run up quite the electricity bill. With seven major sectors, it's to be expected. This leaves electricians busy with industries asking for more.

It's estimated that 650 electricians are needed each year because of the region's growth in both population and industry, according to Workforce Solutions. Electrical technology also falls in the middle skills category, in which the Greater Houston Partnership (GHP) forecasts that there are approximately 75,000 annual openings for jobs like electricians, welders, machinists, and operators.

"The need is so great that we find that many of our students are hired as state-licensed apprentices by multi-industries immediately upon certificate and degree completion," said Stephen Alexander, San Ja-

cinto College electrical technology program director.

San Jacinto College offers a two-year associate degree and a one-year certificate of technology in electrical technology, and non-credit certification courses to quickly train students and move them into the workforce. Companies like Konecranes visit the college frequently to recruit graduates from the electrical technology program, as well as from instrumentation, non-destructive testing, welding, and process technology.

Technician positions are among the top 10 hard-to-fill occupations, according to a GHP report, because of industry's struggle to find applicants with the right skills needed for the jobs. This is why San Jacinto College consults with industry partners and invites them to serve on advisory committees as a way to gather infor-

mation for the development of curriculum to train for skills that are often missing on applicants' resumes. The college serves as the local industry's training ground so that graduates are ready to work in their field immediately upon being hired.

Students are trained for heavy commercial and industrial types of electrical craft work. The program also offers courses on motor controls, programmable logic controllers, industrial electricity, motors and transformers, conduit bending.

Graduates can apply to work in a number of areas that include maintenance and repair in residential construction, commercial construction, industrial construction, and line installation. Many work for the region's petrochemical industry, as there is an increase of remodeling, shutdowns, and the upgrading of electrical service re-

quirements for expansions, safety, and regulations.

Matthew Olson and Michael Dillard II are both pursuing associate degrees in electrical technology at San Jacinto College. Olson works for a contractor as a helper at the Dow Chemical Company plant. His company will pay for his second year of training at San Jacinto College while also paying him his hourly rate when he's in class. Dillard is taking a break from his position as a helper to complete his training to become more marketable when he re-enters the field.

"I need this training to move up and to become a journeyman," said Dillard. "I know that after I pass my exam, there will be more work opportunities for me. I just need this training."

For more information about the electrical technology program at San Jacinto College, visit [sanjac.edu/ca/reer/electrical-technology](http://sanjac.edu/ca/reer/electrical-technology).

## Fourth-generation Galvestonian tells stories of the 1900 hurricane

For anyone interested in Galveston, hurricanes, or just true stories told with passion, Linda MacDonald has some she would like everyone to hear because they involve her family and hometown.

MacDonald's grandfather, a storm survivor, first told her about the 1900 hurricane when she was a young girl. "He would tell the story of what he called simply 'the storm' with such intensity that it fascinated me," according to MacDonald, a fourth generation Galvestonian. "I grew up on the island and, inspired by my grandfather, have continued to collect stories regarding this horrific hurricane. It has become a passion of mine."

MacDonald tells these stories at the Parker Williams Branch Library on Saturday, Oct. 10, at 11 a.m. as part of Gulf Coast Reads, a one-book, one-community series of events and book discussions.

*The Promise*, by Ann Weisgarber, is the 2015 selection of Gulf Coast Reads and the inspiration for book discussions and related events during the month.

*The Promise* tells the story of a woman who escapes scandal in Ohio by leaving for Galveston for a marriage of convenience just before the storm strikes.

A discussion of the book takes place at the library at 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 10 at the Parker Williams Branch Library, 10851 Scarsdale

Bldv. at Beamer Road.

MacDonald worked for many years at The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and then for more than 20 years for the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, the congregation of Catholic nuns that operated St. Mary's Orphanage, which was destroyed in the storm.

She has been invited to speak to many groups about the storm, and in 1999, she was named to the 1900 Storm Centennial Committee by the mayor and City Council of Galveston.

Recounting the stories told to her by her grandfather and others, she has appeared on several PBS programs, the *History Channel*, *Weather Channel*, and *Discovery Channel*, as well as national network news programs.

She has traveled around the country to speak about the storm and spoke worldwide via a webcast to the International Red Cross Disaster Preparedness Directors.

Now in its fifth year, Gulf Coast Reads was created by libraries and partner organizations across southeast Texas to encourage the reading and discussion of a selected title each October. It is meant to raise awareness of public libraries' crucial role in building stronger, more connected communities and to remind readers just how fun it is share and talk over a great story.

For information about

MacDonald's presentation or the book discussion, contact the Parker Williams Branch Library at 281-484-2036.

For more information about other Gulf Coast Reads events, visit <http://www.gulfcoastreads.org/>.

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### Lariaette of the Week



The Dobie High School Lariaette of the Week for Sept. 14 through Sept. 18 is junior Alexis Sanchez. She is a two-year line member and the daughter of Monica and Carlos Martinez.

### Hobby Lions Club meets Oct. 7

Hobby Airport Lions Club will meet Wednesday, Oct. 7, at noon at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. For information, email HobbyAirportLions@gmail.com.

### Film, speaker series – The Hunting Ground

University of Houston-Clear Lake's Film and Speaker Series will present *The Hunting Ground* on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m. in the Student Services and Classroom Building Lecture Hall, UHCL, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

A serious documentary about rape crimes on U.S. college campuses is planned for the first October film offered through UH-Clear Lake's Film and Speaker Series. *The Hunting Ground* explores campus assault crimes, how the institutions cover it up, and the toll on students and their families.

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## Over The Back Fence by Alexis

**BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR STACEY**  
Stacey (Hayes) Flowers celebrates a birthday Tuesday, Oct. 6. Wishes for a wonderful day are sent from husband Stephen, daughters Kennedy and Evie, and son Owen; parents and longtime South Belt residents Jannie and Robert Scarberry; sister Jenny Moreno, husband Benny and children Brayden, Baylee and Livvy; brother Joey; brother Austin, wife Tiffany and daughter Jade; and brother Tyler. Stacey and her siblings are all Dobie High School graduates.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Oct. 1 through Oct. 7.

**Burnett Elementary**  
Blow out the birthday candles for Van Caroselli Oct. 2.

**Bush Elementary**  
Wishes for a happy birthday are sent to Stephanie Tellez Oct. 7.

**Frazier Elementary**  
Liz Taylor celebrates a birthday Oct. 2. Light the birthday candles for Chris Baldauf Oct. 3.

**Meador Elementary**  
Oct. 4 is the day for a cake for Nora Gonzalez. Sing a happy birthday song Oct. 5 to Shirley Hawley.

**Moore Elementary**  
A birthday greeting is sent to Christina Le-Tran on Oct. 6.

South Belt Elementary

Sing a chorus of a birthday song to Judy Britt on Oct. 5.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
Jennifer Dowell enjoys a birthday Oct. 2. Laura Bryan and Lourdes Guenard celebrate a birthday Oct. 4.

**Melillo Middle School**  
On Oct. 1, light the birthday candles on a double-layer cake for Margaret Berti and Kellie Bishop. Shannon Martinez is sent a birthday greeting Oct. 2. Tyler Oakes celebrates a birthday Oct. 4. Blow out the candles on a double-layer cake for Jennifer Basinski and Tyler McKinney Oct. 5. Sing a happy birthday song Oct. 7 to Jesus Gonzalez Lozano.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
The day for a cake for Karissa Guerrero is Oct. 1. On Oct. 2, Cathy Broussard and Alicia Burge are wished a happy birthday.

**Dobie High**  
Blow out the candles on a birthday cake Oct. 1 for Miguel Torres. Birthday greetings are sent to Rayanne Sinski Oct. 2. Oct. 4 is the day for a cake for Robert Blackwell. The day for a party for Kenneth Foster, Justo Manrique, James Sawyer and Christopher Wissel is Oct. 7.

### FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

The Leader sends happy birthday wishes to its Facebook friends who celebrate a birthday this week:

Thursday, Oct. 1: Amy Malone, Jeffrey Restrepo, Wendy Sattiewhite, Linda

Garies, Cindy Que, Cyndee Davila, Edith Sanford, Cindy Patel, Nick Perez, Monica Garza, Marti Chandler, Kim Watts, David Robbins, Dena Roessler, Yvonne Mintz and Rebekka Barker; Friday Oct. 2: Racquel Rojas, Amanda Kirkpatrick, Brian Seiffert, Phillip Lock, Stephanie Crouch, Jessie Horton, Tomeka Anderson, Susan Prueett, Tino Chapa, Jennifer Dowell, Rhonda Frachiseur, Diana Holbrook, Paula Smith and Lori Pytko; Saturday, Oct. 3: Amanda Gonzales, Thomas Chapa, Lindsay Holloway, Zachary Cripps, Emerson Willks, Daren Henry, Laura Cornman, Cynthia Vela, Tricia Gill, Roberto Trevino and Yvonne Moore; Sunday, Oct. 4: Malcomb Chambers, Karen Crouch, Tanesha McKinley, Audry Williamson and Michelle Almaguer-Saenz; Monday, Oct. 5: Stacy Moreno, Deborah Helm, Tara Manolescu, Michael Landin, Dan Randolph, Nicole Nalepa, and Robin McDaniel; Tuesday, Oct. 6: Jennifer Garcia, Stacy Flowers, Jessica Silva, Brian Hoover, Theresa Theroux, Rick Wright and Marta Nelson; and Wednesday, Oct. 7: Jeanette Allen, Lorenzo Cuellar, Paul Grizzle and Marcus Lerma.

### LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS

Email birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

### Lariaette Escort of the Week



The Dobie High School Lariaette Escort of the Week for Sept. 14 through Sept. 18 is sophomore Carlos Cantu. He is the son of Mona and Carlos Cantu.

## Lutheran South names Commended Scholars

Seven students from the Lutheran South Academy 2016 Senior class have been named National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Students (NMSP). These students are in a group of 34,000 high performers who scored above a 202 on the NMSP qualifying test last fall.

According to the National Merit Scholarship Committee, "These young men and women have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success."

"These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation."



Seven students from the Lutheran South Academy 2016 senior class have been named National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Students. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Kaylee King, Harrison Little, Samantha Trapani, (back row) Nathan Laughman, Jeffrey Walheim, Patrick Grigsby and Ben LeBlanc. Photo submitted

## Remember When

**30 years ago (1985)**  
Drinking water from wells near the abandoned Brio Refinery on Dixie Farm Road was given a clean bill of health by the Brio Task Force.

Installation of street lights on Fuqua at I-45 was set to take place by the end of January 1986, a year after the initial request.

Firemen worked half an hour to put out a fire that destroyed the engine and front inside of a 1997 Mercury Cougar.

**25 years ago (1990)**  
South Belt-Elington Chamber of Commerce board members introduced a resolution asking a federal judge not to sign the Consent Decree for the Brio Superfund site without further investigation.

**20 years ago (1995)**  
The Sagameadow Utility District Board of Directors decided that if residents were willing to dip a little deeper into their pockets, the district would provide them with a junior Olympic-size swimming pool. Letters containing ballots were mailed to residents in the Sagameadow and Kirkwood South subdivisions.

Dobie, along with the three other PISD high school bands, left the UIL District Marching Band Contest with a I rating, placing them in the Superior category. This was the first time since 1982 that all of the district's bands, including Sam Rayburn, South Houston and Pasadena, had earned the rating. The director of the 192-member Dobie band was Gary Wilkes, and assistant director was David Scott.

**15 years ago (2000)**  
Donna Benfiglio, 31, made medical history by being the first American to have a DeBakey VAD™ (ventricular assist device) put in her heart.

Three South Belt females participated in the Olympics: Christa Williams, on the softball team; Judy Harrison, as assistant coach for the U.S. women's track team; and

Crystal Fullen, as batgirl for the U.S. softball team.

**10 years ago (2005)**  
Massive evacuations and preparations for Hurricane Rita were all in vain, and the Houston area was spared after the hurricane took a last minute turn toward the east. It made landfall as a Category 3 storm near the Texas/Louisiana border. At its highest intensity as a Category 5 hurricane, it was the fourth-most intense Atlantic storm ever recorded. In April 2006, the World Meteorological Organization retired the name Rita along with four other deadly storms from the 2005 season. Due to their severity in loss of life and damage to property, the names Dennis, Katrina, Rita, Stan and Wilma would no longer appear on the alphabetical list of names for hurricanes, which cycles every six years. Those names were replaced with Don, Katia, Rina, Sean and Whitney for the 2011 season.

U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay was indicted by a grand jury in Travis County, Texas, on charges of conspiracy in a campaign scheme. DeLay temporarily stepped down as majority leader in the House of Representatives but kept his position as Congressional District 22 representative He resigned in June 2006.

Jessup Elementary student Carlos Kelley, 9, died of a rare form of cancer.

**5 years ago (2010)**  
Lifelong South Belt resident, Angelica Del Valle Thomas, was the lone survivor in a triple shooting that took place in an apartment complex parking lot in Webster. According to police, the shootings occurred when Thomas, 23, along with her friend, Jessica Davies, 24, of Friendswood, went to confront Germain Jimenez. Jimenez, 33, had reportedly been harassing Davies' sister following their recent breakup. When the two women left Jimenez's apartment, he followed them outside and shot

each of them multiple times as they were entering their vehicles. Police cornered Jimenez in a strip center parking lot where they found him dead of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. Both women were Life Flighted to Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center, where Davies was later pronounced dead.

Pearland resident Devin Matlage, 18, and a 17-year-old girl were following two friends who were driving west along the beltway when the driver, 18-year-old James Benjamin Aulds, hit a curb on Pearland Parkway. According to police, Aulds then crashed his truck into a traffic pole, drove over a series of metal guard plates and plunged into a 25-foot pit. While trying to save his friends, Matlage fell into the pit. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Aulds was taken to Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center with a punctured lung, while the passenger of the truck was taken to Ben Taub General Hospital with minor injuries. Police determined that Aulds was drinking at the time of the accident, and charged him with intoxication assault.

William "Bill" Barnore was selected the Pasadena Independent School District's Distinguished Citizen for 2010. Barnore, vice president of the Barnore Insurance Agency in Pasadena, was honored by the Pasadena ISD school board for his many contributions to education in the district. Barnore was a Pasadena ISD Education Foundation board member and the foundation's president-elect for 2011.

**1 year ago (2014)**  
According to police, a chase started before 9 a.m. in the town of Liverpool, south of Alvin, when officers responded to an aggravated assault call in which Ryan Champ allegedly pulled a shotgun on someone. Brazoria County deputies attempt-

ed to pull Champ over, but he fled, driving north on Highway 35. Pearland police then joined the pursuit and were fired upon as the chase continued. Houston police joined in as the suspect headed east on Beltway 8. Multiple police units were in hot pursuit when Champ exited on Beamer northbound toward Kirkmeadow, coming to a stop at his residence at the 11703 address. As the suspect was exiting his vehicle, he reportedly pointed a shotgun at a Pearland police officer, who then shot at the man. Champ then returned fire, and a massive shootout began. During the exchange of gunfire, the suspect went back to his vehicle and retrieved a handgun, then also shot it at officers. At some point during the shootout, Champ was struck and was pronounced dead at the scene.

## UHCL MBA Mixer at fall open house

University of Houston-Clear Lake will host an MBA Mixer at the fall open house on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Student Services and Classroom Building, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Designed specifically for graduate students working toward a Master of Business Administration, participants can meet faculty and discuss expectations for the degree

while learning about other services available to them as students.

Representatives from various organizations and offices will be on-site to advise students on things like financial aid, career planning, student life and admissions.

For information or to RSVP, call the Office of Admissions at 281-283-2500, or visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/open>.

## Habitat Work Days at UH-Clear Lake

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Participants will meet in the North Office Annex Building at UHCL, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

For more information, call Sheila Brown, UH-Clear Lake's Environmental Institute of Houston Habitat Curriculum Specialist, at 281-283-3946 or email [brownsn@uhcl.edu](mailto:brownsn@uhcl.edu).

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# Dobie aquatics teacher Wilems receives award

By Reesha J. Brown  
Pasadena ISD  
Communications  
Dobie High School aquatics teacher Cindy Wilems has been named the Galveston Bay Foundation's 2015 Community Guardian of the Bay Award recipient. She was recognized during the organization's annual luncheon ceremony on Sept. 30 at the Hilton Americas in downtown Houston.

The annual award ceremony honors an individual, organization and company that have been instrumental in preserving, protecting and enhancing Galveston Bay. Wilems will be recognized for her community outreach efforts with the Galveston Bay Foundation's Youth Education Program, known as Get Hip to Habitat.

This is the first time in history that a teacher has been selected for the prestigious honor.

"Cindy does an out-

standing job here at Dobie," High School principal, said Franklin Moses, Dobie



Cindy Wilems

beyond for her senior science students in providing them opportunities outside of the classroom. Dobie is very proud of her and looks forward to the recognition luncheon."

Wilems will be honored in front of district leaders and Houston's elite, including the keynote speaker, Capt. Brian Penoyer, commander of U.S. Coast Guard Sector Houston-Galveston and master of ceremonies, Frank Billingsley, chief meteorologist KPRC Local2.

As a guardian of the bay, Wilems has spent the past four years participating in conservation and advocacy efforts while simultaneously educating and inspiring students through Get Hip to Habitat.

The school-based coastal wetlands nursery program provides hands-on experience for students and involves developing temporary marsh grass nurseries on campus grounds, car-

ing for and monitoring the health and growth of the marsh grasses throughout the school year while learning about the importance of wetlands and eventually, transplanting the matured grass to designated local marsh restoration sites around Galveston Bay.

As a teacher, Wilems' use of hands-on, field-based learning opportunities, have sparked an interest in aquatics among students. As a result of her efforts, the number of aquatic science classes at Dobie has tripled in number. Her work has not gone unnoticed. Wilems was recognized as the Dobie High School Teacher of the Year for the 2012-13 school year. And now, she can add the Guardian of the Bay Award to the list of accolades.

"Cindy Wilems is a great example of how one individual can have a profound influence on young people today and equip them to become both future leaders and guardians of our natural world," Bob Stokes, Galveston Bay Foundation president said. "The Galveston Bay Foundation is proud to honor Cindy for her outstanding efforts to educate our young citizens."

# Thompson cheerleaders receive grant



The Thompson Lions Cheerleaders were recently awarded a grant from the JJ Watt Foundation. The foundation's mission is "to provide after-school opportunities for middle school-aged children in the community to become involved in athletics, so that they may learn the character traits of accountability, teamwork, leadership, work ethic, and perseverance, while in a safe and supervised environment with their peers." The grant was awarded for the purchase of cheer

mats to assist with tumbling and stunt skills and safety training. The Thompson Lions Cheerleaders are thrilled for the opportunity to receive this grant and expand their abilities as cheerleaders. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Annjanette Delafuente, Olga Cisneros, (back row) Samantha Carter, Maya Scott, Balice Dang, Shelby Couchman (mascot), Kayla Lawson, Brooke Morales and Laila Hernandez.

Photo submitted

# South Belters meet at Hank Williams concert



A chance meeting roughly 150 miles away from Houston brought three groups of South Belt residents together, some of whom hadn't seen each other in decades. *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger (not pictured) recently celebrated her birthday by seeing Hank Williams Jr. in concert at the Golden Nugget casino in Lake Charles, La. While at the concert, Flickinger found herself seated by Tom Tope (left) and his wife Lawanda Tope (second from left) and Arthur Newbould (second from right). The Topes own Tope's Auto Repair and

formerly advertised in the *Leader* before moving their shop from Fuqua to Pearland more than 30 years ago. The couple credited the *Leader* for helping establish the company. Newbould was a player on a Little League baseball team that was coached by Flickinger's husband David Flickinger (far right) and Charles Chassay (not pictured) roughly 35 years ago. The Flickingers were in two seats on the aisle, Newbould was behind David and the Topes were in the next two aisle seats.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

# Employers to visit SJC to find candidates for jobs

San Jacinto College is shaking up the way career fairs are held by bringing employers directly to the students studying for careers in their industries.

The college will host employer information sessions from Oct. 19 to Oct. 28 at various departments on the Central campus, located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

Employers will have tables located at specific buildings across the campus to meet with those students who are studying for careers in their respective industries. Alumni and community members are also invited to visit the sessions to network with employers.

"The difference in the employer information sessions versus a career/job fair

is that employers will be located in the building where students attend their classes," said Toni Lerch, coordinator of Career and Employment Services at San Jacinto College. "When students break for class, they will have an opportunity to speak with the employers about internships or job opportunities at their companies."

The following is a list of employer information sessions scheduled for the San Jacinto College Central Campus:

**Business Technology, Marketing, Accounting/Financial**  
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Date: Oct. 19  
Location: Building C21, Library - Great Hall

**Process, Instrumentation, Electrical Technology**  
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Date: Oct. 20  
Location: Building C16

**Industrial Technology for Welding, Non-Destructive, Fire Safety**  
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Date: Oct. 20  
Location: Building C16

**Culinary Arts, Cosmetology, Massage Therapy**  
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Date: Oct. 22

Date: Oct. 21  
Location: Building C17

**Computer, Engineering Design Graphics**  
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Date: Oct. 21  
Location: Building C17

**Automotive Technology**  
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Date: Oct. 22  
Location: Building C26

**Arts/Theater/Film/Audio Engineering/Education**  
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Date: Oct. 22

Location: TBD  
**Allied Health Careers/ Nursing**  
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Date: Oct. 28  
Location: Building C11

San Jacinto College North and South campuses will schedule employer information sessions in November. These events are sponsored by the college's Career and Employment Centers.

For questions, email careercenters@sjcd.edu. For more information, visit sanjac.edu/career-center.

# UHCL offers info during Disability Employment Awareness Month

Gain new knowledge and resources about disabilities and resources available during events at University of Houston-Clear Lake throughout October in honor of Disability Employment Awareness Month.

The month's activities begin with a free webinar from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 6, about students on the autism spectrum. The webinar, which is open to the public, will cover resources, laws and information regarding college students with autism spectrum disorder. The webinar will be presented in Bayou Building, Room 2236, with

a recording available following the event.

Other activities planned through the month include workshops regarding the transition from college to the workplace for students with disabilities and Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

An installation planned for late October will aim to raise awareness of suicide prevention among college

students.

The events are sponsored by UHCL Disability Services in conjunction with other campus offices such as Human Resources, Career Services, Counseling Services and the Captain Wendell M. Wilson Office of Veteran Services. All are welcome to the free events.

For more information, contact UHCL Disability Services at 281-283-2648.

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# Local teachers attend leadership training



ATPE members from Pasadena Independent School District received leadership training at The Summit convention in Austin over the summer. The Association of Texas Professional Educators is an organization that benefits all school district em-

ployees who become members. Pictured are, left to right, Gayla Rhoads, Linda Boyd, Cheryl Sanders, Christine Browning and Charlotte Anthony, all teachers from South Belt area schools.

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# Pasadena ISD celebrates National Arts in Education Week

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Beverly Hills Intermediate students Kiareliz Ramos and Jacob Nguyen.



Beverly Hills Intermediate band students Yair Almaguer, Da'Ryues Nickelson, Enrique Gonzales and Benito Rodriguez.



Orchestra students from Beverly Hills Intermediate, Lauren Robinson and Ariel Robles.



Beverly Hills Intermediate choir student Ashley Rodriguez.

Pasadena Independent School District joined schools and districts across the nation Sept. 14-18 to celebrate National Arts in Education Week.

In July 2010, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution designating the second week of September for this celebration.

The resolution states: "Arts education, comprising a rich array of disciplines... is a core academic subject and an essential element of a complete and balanced education for all students."

Pasadena ISD students participated in a wide variety of fine arts education including orchestra, band, choir, dance, theater arts and visual arts, helping them to achieve success in art as well as academically.

According to the National Arts Education Partnership, "Arts learning is linked to positive student outcomes such as engagement and persistence, overall academic achievement, communication and collaboration, and positive behavior."

Linda Fletcher, Pasadena ISD director of fine arts, said, "We need the arts because they remind children that their emotions are equally worthy of respect and expression. The arts introduce children to connectivity, engagement, and allow a sense of identification with, and responsibility for, others."

The arts, like no other subject, give children the media and the opportunity to shape and communicate their feelings. The arts can engage children who might not otherwise be reached by academics."

Pasadena ISD is proud to be a leader in arts education and to celebrate National Arts in Education Week.

To share photos of a student creating art, use #PasadenaArtsInEd.

## TRIAD meets Oct. 19

The next TRIAD meeting is set for Monday, Oct. 19, at 10:30 a.m. at Madison Jobe Senior Citizens Center in Pasadena.

The speaker will be Dr. Brenda Hellyer, chancellor of San Jacinto College South. Two DVD short films from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service will be shown.

Learn how to avoid identity theft, scams, fraud, and elder abuse.

Free refreshments will be provided by Paramount Senior Care Centers of Pasadena and Parsons House Assisted Living Facility in La Porte. Important handouts will also be distributed. For more information, call 713-477-0175.

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Cristian Hernandez and Ashlee Holtzclaw, Beverly Hills Intermediate eighth-grade art students.

## Israeli Folk Dancing classes set for October and November

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October dates are Oct. 12, 19 and Oct. 26.

November dates are Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23 and Nov. 30.

The cost of \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members, \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions for nonmembers, covers expenses.

Everyone is welcome to join the group — even

if never having attended before.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located at 16020 El Camino Real in Houston and is the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area.

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## JFD hopes to repeat 2014 run

It's been more than a monthlong wait for the Dobie varsity football team to get its first win of the season.

Yet just as many of these same players were reminded in 2014, it's never where you start but instead where you finish. Dobie's current 0-4 record doesn't look good in the league standings, but that could change in a hurry.

A couple of wins here, a couple more there, and the Longhorns are likely to find themselves very much in the mix for their sixth straight postseason berth.

A quick look back at 2014 shows the then winless Longhorns reeled off six straight District 22-6A victories, averaging a smidge over 38 points per game while doing so.

That team essentially clinched a playoff berth with a first-ever win over Dawson - Dobie's best performance of the entire season - but then almost gave it back a week later in Alvin before rallying for a win.

So these Longhorns know it can be done, but a different route just may be required.

For starters, then head coach Jim Phillips' offense largely revolved around the abilities of senior tailback Rashaad

Randall, who excelled while running behind an all-senior offense line.

Randall, the eventual Offensive Most Valuable Player in the district,

rushed for more than 1,400 yards and 16 touchdowns. Basically, it was give the ball to Randall and get out of the way for much of the season.

Not so much anymore.

First-year Dobie head coach Mike Norman has retooled the team's offense.

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Dobie's Claude Franklin (9) chases and eventually takes down Manvel's D'Vaughn Pennamon in action Sept. 17. The Longhorns now seek their first win of the season Oct. 2, against the Pasadena Eagles.

## Creek comeback thwarts Brook football

A quick 14-0 lead turned into nothing more than another setback as the Clear Brook varsity football team fell to 0-4 this season.

Instead, the Clear Creek Wildcats controlled the action through much of the final three quarters, eventually winning 37-17 at League City's Veterans Memorial Stadium Sept. 24.

For the Wolverines, who have faced four play-off-quality opponents to begin their season, it was the latest in a string of losses on the field despite largely improved play un-

der first-year head coach Mike Allison.

Jaizac Garcia, certainly one of the most gifted newcomers to the 24-6A ranks this season, fired two more touchdown passes, giving him eight for the season.

Senior speedster Brandon Taylor, a do-it-all type of player for the Wolverines, also turned in his second sensational play in as many weeks.

Taylor, who last spring finished third at state in the 100-meter dash, gave the Wolverines a burst of excitement on the game's first offensive play.

Taking a swing pass from Garcia, Taylor juiced the initial line of Wildcat

Varsity volleyball

## JFD downs Memorial;

## Brook takes down Bucs

It turned into much more of a thriller than Dobie would have liked, but in the end it all worked out.

The Lady Longhorns' varsity volleyball team evened its record in District 22-6A action at 4-4 with a hard-fought, five-set win over Pasadena Me-

memorial Sept. 29, at Phillips Field House.

Meanwhile, the Clear Brook varsity volleyball team also went the distance against Brazoswood Sept. 29 at Clear Brook, eventually winning its own five-setter.

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## Longhorn tennis faces defending champ

A two-dog race last season, the District 22-6A team tennis challenge is shaping up in much the same fashion this season.

Dawson, the defending 22-6A titleholder, is in

prime position, unless of course the Dobie Longhorns have something to say about that.

In 2014, Dawson traveled to Dobie and handed the Longhorns a setback that ultimately brought the Eagles the 22-6A championship. Dobie thus finished second.

The way the 2015 race has shaped up to this point,

the 22-6A championship will again be on the line when the Longhorns play at Dawson Friday, Oct. 2. Matches will begin at 3 p.m.

Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. has stressed the importance of his team winning each of its 22-6A matches, which would bring the title. The probability, however, is that

the Dobie/Dawson winner will ultimately advance to the 21/22-6A Area Championships as the top seed.

The Longhorns are 4-0 heading into the big matchup with Dawson, having dispatched Pasadena Sept. 25, at Dobie by an 19-0 count. The Longhorns then handled Pasadena at home Sept. 29, setting up the big match against Dawson.

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Dobie varsity tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. has watched as his last two fall tennis teams have fallen just shy of reaching the Region III championships. The 2015 Longhorns can take a big step back toward that goal by downing Dawson Oct. 2.



## BHI, Lions' FB to meet

It's time for the decades-old rivalry to continue.

The Beverly Hills Battalion Bears and the Thompson Lions will meet on the gridiron Oct 5-6 to decide bragging rights across the South Belt area.

Perhaps more importantly to both programs, the series could go a long way toward deciding the future Pasadena ISD champion come November.

A season ago, the undefeated Thompson eighth-grade A squad rode a huge

performance from tailback Kris Morris to an easy win over the Bears in the PISD championship game.

The Lions' seventh-grade A team from a season ago had to deal with ineligibility issues that cost the team wins,

but still fought back to finish the season strong.

The Beverly Hills program has also been one of the district's elite for decades.

And, as usual, each of the two schools' four teams are playing well

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# South Belt sports news, notes

## Diamond Club bingo night

The Dobie Diamond Club, the official booster organization of the school's baseball program, has rescheduled its fall bingo night to raise funds for costs associated with the baseball program.

The event will now be held Saturday, Dec. 5. Tickets purchased for the original date will be honored at the door, and \$25 tickets remain for sale through Dobie baseball players or booster club members.

Eight of the 10 games played during the evening will pay \$100 each to the winner. A ninth game will pay \$250 to the winner, and a final game will pay \$500 to the winner. Refreshments will be available for purchase, and door prizes will be awarded between games.

Doors open at 5 p.m., and the bingo games will run from 6 to 10 p.m. For more information, direct email to [dobiediamond@gmail.com](mailto:dobiediamond@gmail.com).

## SB youth soccer signup online

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is accepting online registration for the 2015 fall season that is underway. Players age 4 through 18 as of July 31, 2015, are eligible to compete.

The registration fee those in the under-5 through U8 divisions will pay is \$135, which includes a uniform (shirt, shorts and socks) and fundraising fee.

The fee for those in the U9 and U10 divisions is \$150, and the U11 through U18 fee is \$190, with both including uniform and fundraising fee.

Only credit cards and debit cards will be accepted as forms of payment online.

To register or for more league information, visit [www.southbeltsoccer.org](http://www.southbeltsoccer.org). Games will be played at El Franco Lee Park as the primary site. A few players are still needed.

## Dobie homecoming is Oct. 2

Dobie High School's annual homecoming weekend is Friday, Oct. 2, as the Longhorns' varsity football team takes on the South Houston Trojans in a big District 22-6A game at Veteran's Stadium in Pasadena. Dobie's homecoming court will be introduced at halftime, and the Longhorns' homecoming king and queen will be honored at halftime as well. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. Adult tickets at the gate are \$7 each.

## South Belt football predictions



Troy Leland



John Bechtle



Eli Tanksley



Toni Muse



Emory Gadd



Debbie Vaughn

|                                    |             |             |             |             |             |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Dobie vs. Pasadena                 | Dobie       | Dobie       | Dobie       | Dobie       | Dobie       | Dobie       |
| Pearland vs. Dawson                | Pearland    | Dawson      | Pearland    | Pearland    | Pearland    | Pearland    |
| Deer Park at Port Arthur Memorial  | Deer Park   | Deer Park   | Deer Park   | Deer Park   | Deer Park   | Deer Park   |
| Clear Brook at Dickinson           | Dickinson   | Dickinson   | Dickinson   | Dickinson   | Dickinson   | Dickinson   |
| Channelview at Beaumont West Brook | Channelview | Channelview | Channelview | Channelview | Channelview | Channelview |
| Pasadena Memorial at Alvin         | Alvin       | Alvin       | Alvin       | Alvin       | Alvin       | Alvin       |
| Brazoswood at Friendswood          | Friendswood | Friendswood | Brazoswood  | Friendswood | Friendswood | Friendswood |
| Fort Bend Bush at Ridge Point      | Ridge Point | Ridge Point | Ridge Point | Ridge Point | Ridge Point | Ridge Point |
| Baytown Sterling at La Porte       | La Porte    | La Porte    | La Porte    | La Porte    | La Porte    | Sterling    |
| The Woodlands at Atascocita        | Atascocita  | Woodlands   | Woodlands   | Woodlands   | Woodlands   | Atascocita  |
| This week's record                 | 7-3         | 9-1         | 7-3         | 8-2         | 9-1         | 7-3         |
| Season record                      | 34-16       | 38-12       | 37-13       | 32-18       | 33-17       | 40-10       |

## Sports Calendar

### FOOTBALL

#### Thursday, Oct. 1

Brook JV Black hosts Dickinson, 6:30  
 Brook JV Red hosts Dickinson, 4:30  
 Dobie JV Orange hosts Pasadena, 4:30  
 Dobie JV White at Texas City, 4:30  
 Brook fresh. Black at Dickinson, 6:30  
 Brook fresh. Red at Dickinson, 4:30  
 Dobie fresh. Orange at Pasadena, 4:30

#### Friday, Oct. 2

Brook varsity at Dickinson, Vitanza, 7:00  
 Dobie varsity at Pasadena, Veterans Pas., 7:00

#### Saturday, Oct. 3

Southbelt Dolphins at Ellington Rams, Dobie  
 Sagemont Cowboys at North Shore, Cunningham

#### Monday, Oct. 5

Thompson 8A at Beverly Hills, 5:00  
 Thompson 8B hosts Beverly Hills, 5:00

#### Tuesday, Oct. 6

Thompson 7A at Beverly Hills, 5:00  
 Thompson 7B hosts Beverly Hills, 5:00

#### Thursday, Oct. 8

Brook JV Black at Clear Lake, 6:30  
 Brook JV Red at Clear Lake, 4:30  
 Dobie JV Orange vs. S. Houston, Auxiliary, 6:30  
 Dobie JV White at Katy Taylor, 4:30  
 Brook fresh. Black hosts Clear Lake, 6:30  
 Brook fresh. Red hosts Clear Lake, 4:30  
 Dobie fresh. Orange hosts S. Houston, Dobie, 4:30

#### Friday, Oct. 9

Dobie varsity hosts South Houston, Veterans, 7:00  
 Brook varsity vs. Clear Lake, Vet. Memorial, L.C., 7:00

### VOLLEYBALL

#### Friday, Oct. 2

Brook varsity at Friendswood, 6:30  
 Dobie varsity hosts Pearland, 6:30  
 Dobie JV hosts Pearland, 5:30  
 Brook JV at Friendswood, 5:30  
 Dobie freshman A hosts Pearland, 4:30  
 Brook freshman A at Friendswood, 4:30  
 Brook freshman B at Friendswood, 4:30

#### Tuesday, Oct. 6

Brook varsity at Clear Creek, 6:30  
 Dobie varsity at Manvel, 6:30  
 Dobie JV at Manvel, 5:30  
 Brook JV at Clear Creek, 5:30  
 Brook freshman A at Clear Creek, 4:30  
 Dobie freshman A at Manvel, 4:30  
 Brook freshman B at Clear Creek, 4:30

#### Thursday, Oct. 8

Thompson 8 Dark hosts Jackson, 5:00  
 Thompson 8 Light hosts Jackson, 6:15  
 Thompson 7 Dark hosts Jackson, 5:00  
 Thompson 7 Light hosts Jackson, 6:15  
 Beverly Hills 8 Dark hosts South Houston, 5:00  
 Beverly Hills 8 Light hosts South Houston, 6:15  
 Beverly Hills 7 Dark hosts South Houston, 5:00  
 Beverly Hills 7 Light hosts South Houston, 6:15

#### Saturday, Oct. 10

Brook varsity hosts Dickinson, noon  
 Brook JV hosts Dickinson, 10:30  
 Brook freshman A hosts Dickinson, 9 a.m.  
 Brook freshman B hosts Dickinson, 9 a.m.

### TENNIS

#### Friday, Oct. 2

Dobie varsity at Dawson, 3:00

#### Tuesday, Oct. 6

Dobie varsity hosts Alvin, 3:00

#### Friday, Oct. 9

Dobie varsity at S. Rayburn, Strawberry, 3:00

## Brook, Dobie VB gain wins

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 beast, particularly in the emotionally charged, ebb and flow sport of volleyball.

Often, two game leads can turn into marathons. And two-game deficits don't always mean defeat is imminent.

Just ask players and coaches from Clear Brook and Dobie.

Clear Brook has played several marathon matches

this season, including its last two in District 24-6A. It worked out against Dickinson, with the Lady Wolverines rallying from a 2-1 deficit to snag a big win.

In the end, Brook escaped with a 22-25, 25-10, 26-28, 25-17, 15-9 victory, yet things did not go as well Sept. 25, against Clear Falls.

The Lady Wolverines eventually lost 25-20, 25-

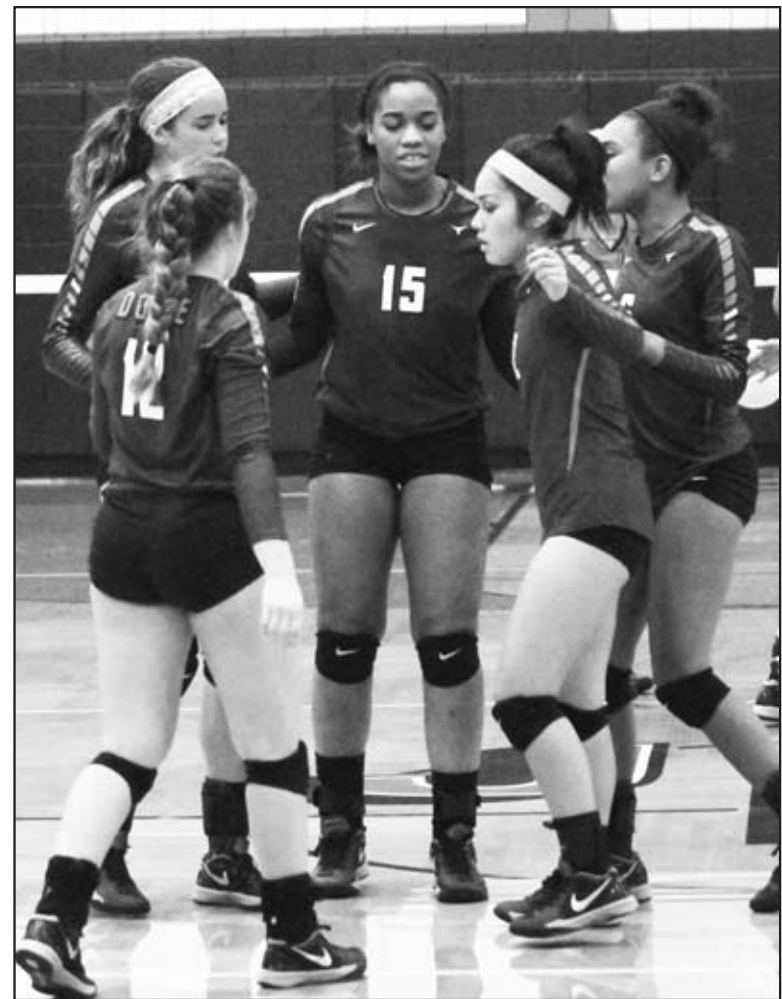
21, 19-25, 23-25, 15-13 to Falls.

As for Dobie, the Lady Longhorns are now 4-4 in league play after a Sept. 25 win over Sam Rayburn, followed by a 25-22, 25-18, 18-25, 24-26, 15-12 win over Memorial.

Now with the second half of District 22-6A play set to begin Oct. 2, Dobie has the task of defeating one or more of the four teams in front of it.

| Team       | W | L |
|------------|---|---|
| Pearland   | 8 | 0 |
| Dawson     | 7 | 1 |
| Manvel     | 6 | 2 |
| Alvin      | 5 | 3 |
| Dobie      | 4 | 4 |
| Memorial   | 3 | 5 |
| Pasadena   | 2 | 6 |
| S. Houston | 1 | 7 |
| S. Rayburn | 0 | 8 |

| Team          | W | L |
|---------------|---|---|
| Clear Creek   | 6 | 0 |
| Clear Springs | 5 | 1 |
| Clear Falls   | 4 | 2 |
| Clear Lake    | 3 | 3 |
| Friendswood   | 3 | 3 |
| Clear Brook   | 2 | 4 |
| Brazoswood    | 1 | 5 |
| Dickinson     | 0 | 6 |



The Dobie varsity volleyball team is now 4-4 this season in District 22-6A action after downing the Memorial Mavericks Sept. 29, at Phillips Field House. Among those leading Dobie into action against Pearland Oct. 2 will be, from left, Macy Williams (12), Taylor Pleasants, Gabby Jones (15), Jackie Garcia and Camille Singleton.

## Brook football hunts first win

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 lead for the locals. After a Clear Creek drive stalled, the Wolverines went back to work on offense.

This time, Garcia capped a seven-play drive with an 11-yard scoring pass to Sterling Stephens, who leaped over the goal line for the touchdown.

Brook's Aidan Cupples later nailed a 35-yard field

goal, giving Clear Brook a 17-15 lead at halftime.

From there, the scoring belonged to the Wildcats. Malik Sonnier had a pair of interceptions for the Wolverines, but the Wildcats came through in a big way to take control in the second half.

Clear Brook now faces another tough challenge. The Wolverines will take

on unbeaten Dickinson Friday, Oct. 2, at Sam Vitanza Stadium in Dickinson.

In 2014, the Gators went 13-0 to reach the regional semifinals before losing, thus finishing at 13-1. So far, the Gators have shown that season was no fluke, having hammered five opponents to open the season to this point.

## Week 8 games— Saturday, Oct. 3

Sagemont Cowboys at North Shore Mustangs  
 Cunningham Middle School

Southbelt Dolphins at Ellington Rams  
 Dobie High School

## BAFL Week Seven Scores

|          | Sr. | Jr. | Soph. | Fr. |
|----------|-----|-----|-------|-----|
| Cougars  | 6   | 7   | 6     | 35  |
| Cowboys  | 45  | 14  | 38    | 6   |
| Dolphins | 0   | 2   | 0     | 6   |
| Canes    | 42  | 33  | 34    | 33  |

## Bay Area Football League Standings

| Senior Division American    |   |   |   | Senior Division National    |   |   |   |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|-----------------------------|---|---|---|
| Team                        | W | L | T | Team                        | W | L | T |
| Sharks                      | 7 | 0 | 0 | Hurricanes                  | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Bulls                       | 6 | 1 | 0 | Stingrays                   | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Patriots                    | 4 | 2 | 0 | Eagles                      | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| Cougars                     | 4 | 2 | 0 | Dolphins                    | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Texans                      | 2 | 3 | 0 | Mustangs                    | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Panthers                    | 2 | 5 | 0 | Gators                      | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| '49ers                      | 1 | 5 | 0 | Rams                        | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Cowboys                     | 1 | 5 | 0 | Saints                      | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Junior Division American    |   |   |   | Junior Division National    |   |   |   |
| Team                        | W | L | T | Team                        | W | L | T |
| '49ers                      | 6 | 0 | 0 | Hurricanes                  | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Patriots                    | 5 | 1 | 0 | Eagles                      | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| Texans                      | 4 | 1 | 0 | Dolphins                    | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Cowboys                     | 3 | 3 | 0 | Stingrays                   | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Cougars                     | 3 | 3 | 0 | Saints                      | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Bulls                       | 2 | 5 | 0 | Rams                        | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Sharks                      | 1 | 6 | 0 | Mustangs                    | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Panthers                    | 0 | 6 | 0 | Gators                      | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Sophomore Division American |   |   |   | Sophomore Division National |   |   |   |
| Team                        | W | L | T | Team                        | W | L | T |
| Bulls                       | 7 | 0 | 0 | Stingrays                   | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Texans                      | 5 | 0 | 0 | Hurricanes                  | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| Patriots                    | 4 | 2 | 0 | Saints                      | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| '49ers                      | 3 | 3 | 0 | Rams                        | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Panthers                    | 3 | 4 | 0 | Dolphins                    | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Cougars                     | 2 | 4 | 0 | Mustangs                    | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Sharks                      | 2 | 5 | 0 | Eagles                      | 1 | 6 | 0 |
| Cowboys                     | 1 | 5 | 0 | Gators                      | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Freshman Division American  |   |   |   | Freshman Division National  |   |   |   |
| Team                        | W | L | T | Team                        | W | L | T |
| Sharks                      | 4 | 2 | 0 | Hurricanes                  | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Patriots                    | 4 | 1 | 1 | Eagles                      | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| '49ers                      | 4 | 1 | 0 | Stingrays                   | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| Texans                      | 3 | 2 | 0 | Saints                      | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| Bulls                       | 3 | 3 | 0 | Dolphins                    | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Cowboys                     | 3 | 3 | 0 | Rams                        | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Cougars                     | 1 | 4 | 0 | Mustangs                    | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Panthers                    | 1 | 6 | 0 | Gators                      | 0 | 6 | 0 |

# SJC men's soccer falters late

A potential huge win over a four-time defending national champion went by the wayside as San Jacinto College's men's soccer team surrendered two second-half goals at Tyler Sept. 25.

Holding a 1-0 lead after Miguel Canas' unassisted goal in the 52nd minute, the locals seemed poised to take the outright lead in the

Region XIV standings. But the Apaches had other ideas. Ricardo Gomez first scored to tie the game for Tyler in the 57th minute.

Three minutes later, Tyler's Brendan O'Connor notched the eventual game winner as the Apaches escaped with a 2-1 win.

Tyler has not played up to the form of a four-time defending national champion, but the win over San

Jacinto did allow the Apaches to climb back into the national rankings. San Jac is still unranked, but sitting nicely in the standings.

The Region XIV race appears to involve three players at this point, including San Jacinto, Laredo and Tyler.

In the first half of league play, the trio are 1-1 against one another on the field.

# Hurricane Junior Golf Tour offers free programs; Texas youths to benefit through membership offer

The Hurricane Junior Golf Tour has announced its expansion into Texas. The tour will kick off Lone Star State events in the spring of 2016.

The HJGT is the largest junior golf tour, running more than 220 two-day, nationally ranked open tournaments in 29 states

across the country. The tour's executive director, Mario Conte, is excited about bringing the tour to Texas.

"It definitely has been a big undertaking, but we are very excited. "Over the last eight years we have honed and

perfected the way we run our events and firmly believe junior golfers in these western states can benefit immensely from playing on tour with us," Conte said.

Each Hurricane event is run by eight full-time staff members and a tourna-

ment director, whose primary role is administering the rules of golf and managing pace of play.

The HJGT is offering a 2016 membership package that it believes is second to none.

The HJGT provides not only superb tourna-

ments and the opportunity to gain college exposure through multiple national ranking systems, but also a tremendous value for its members.

"Our members are the life and blood of our organization," Conte remarked when asked about the

tour's membership. "The tour would not be where it is today if it wasn't for the thousands of past and present members."

For 2016, the HJGT is offering free memberships to all Texas residents.

Valued at \$159, members will receive access to register for member pricing (\$50 savings), a full set of Lamkin golf grips (\$89 value), one set of replacement Champ spikes, a 12-month subscription to Golf Digest, an HJGT club brush and a 2016 member bag tag.

Those interested may call the HJGT's main office at 904-379-2697 or visit [www.hjgt.org](http://www.hjgt.org) online and then enter promo code TX16 at checkout to redeem the offer.

The HJGT is also offering the Point Champion contest in each age division in Texas, a no cost exemption (totally free) into the 2016 Hurricane Cup held at the remarkable Sea Island Golf Resort in Georgia November 25-27, 2016.

Exemption will include 54 holes of golf, a welcome dinner, more than \$100 in registration gifts, and a two-night hotel stay (\$300 value), bringing the total package to more than \$750 in value!

For more information on how to earn Hurricane points, call the HJGT at 904-379-2697.

The Hurricane Junior Golf Tour was founded in 2007 with the intention of providing junior golfers between the ages of 11 and 18 an opportunity to play at exceptional courses in a competitive environment.

Golfers who participate on tour compete in one of the five divisions: boys' 14-18, boys' 11-13, boys' 10-under, girls' 14-18 and girls' 13-under.

There will be a sixth category, a college prep division, available at select tournaments only.

This division is intended for players who have signed a collegiate national letter of intent or who are highly ranked and would benefit from playing in tournaments of more than 7,000 yards in length.

For more information regarding the HJGT, visit the official website at [www.hjgt.org](http://www.hjgt.org), or call the HJGT headquarters at (904)-379-2697.

## Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

Through Sept. 22 games

| 8A Records    | Zone  | Overall |
|---------------|-------|---------|
| Zone A        | W L T | W L T   |
| Beverly Hills | 1 0 0 | 2 0 0   |
| Park View     | 1 0 0 | 1 1 0   |
| South Houston | 0 0 0 | 1 1 0   |
| San Jacinto   | 0 1 0 | 1 1 0   |
| Southmore     | 0 1 0 | 0 2 0   |

**Game Scores**

Beverly Hills 38, Southmore 0  
Park View 27, San Jacinto 12  
South Houston 38, Jackson 25

| Zone B   | W L T | W L T |
|----------|-------|-------|
| Thompson | 1 0 0 | 2 0 0 |
| Miller   | 1 0 0 | 2 0 0 |
| Jackson  | 0 0 0 | 0 2 0 |
| Bondy    | 0 1 0 | 1 1 0 |
| Queens   | 0 1 0 | 0 2 0 |

**Game Scores**

Thompson 32, Bondy 20  
Miller 42, Queens 0

| 7A Records    | Zone  | Overall |
|---------------|-------|---------|
| Zone A        | W L T | W L T   |
| Beverly Hills | 1 0 0 | 2 0 0   |
| San Jacinto   | 1 0 0 | 2 0 0   |
| South Houston | 0 0 0 | 2 0 0   |
| Southmore     | 0 1 0 | 0 2 0   |
| Park View     | 0 1 0 | 0 2 0   |

**Game Scores**

Beverly Hills 14, Southmore 0  
San Jacinto 38, Park View 7  
South Houston 29, Jackson 0

| Zone B   | W L T | W L T |
|----------|-------|-------|
| Bondy    | 1 0 0 | 2 0 0 |
| Miller   | 1 0 0 | 1 1 0 |
| Jackson  | 0 0 0 | 0 2 0 |
| Thompson | 0 1 0 | 1 1 0 |
| Queens   | 0 1 0 | 0 2 0 |

**Game Scores**

Bondy 8, Thompson 6  
Miller 44, Queens 0

## Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

Through Sept. 22 games

| 8B Records    | Zone  | Overall |
|---------------|-------|---------|
| Zone A        | W L T | W L T   |
| Beverly Hills | 1 0 0 | 2 0 0   |
| Park View     | 1 0 0 | 1 1 0   |
| South Houston | 0 0 0 | 1 1 0   |
| San Jacinto   | 0 1 0 | 1 1 0   |
| Southmore     | 0 1 0 | 0 2 0   |

**Game Scores**

Park View 7, San Jacinto 6  
Beverly Hills 21, Southmore 0  
South Houston 8, Jackson 0

| Zone B   | W L T | W L T |
|----------|-------|-------|
| Miller   | 1 0 0 | 2 0 0 |
| Thompson | 1 0 0 | 2 0 0 |
| Jackson  | 0 0 0 | 0 2 0 |
| Bondy    | 0 1 0 | 1 1 0 |
| Queens   | 0 1 0 | 0 2 0 |

**Game Scores**

Miller 20, Queens 14  
Thompson 28, Bondy 0

| 7B Records    | Zone  | Overall |
|---------------|-------|---------|
| Zone A        | W L T | W L T   |
| Beverly Hills | 1 0 0 | 2 0 0   |
| San Jacinto   | 1 0 0 | 2 0 0   |
| South Houston | 0 0 0 | 2 0 0   |
| Park View     | 0 1 0 | 0 2 0   |
| Southmore     | 0 1 0 | 0 2 0   |

**Game Scores**

San Jacinto 40, Park View 0  
Beverly Hills 21, Southmore 0  
South Houston 18, Jackson 7

| Zone B   | W L T | W L T |
|----------|-------|-------|
| Thompson | 1 0 0 | 2 0 0 |
| Miller   | 1 0 0 | 1 1 0 |
| Jackson  | 0 0 0 | 0 2 0 |
| Bondy    | 0 1 0 | 1 1 0 |
| Queens   | 0 1 0 | 0 2 0 |

**Game Scores**

Miller 20, Queens 0  
Thompson 38, Bondy 0

## Pasadena ISD Intermediate Volleyball

Through Sept. 24 matches

| 8L Records    | Zone  | Overall |
|---------------|-------|---------|
| Zone A        | W L T | W L T   |
| Park View     | 0 0 0 | 1 1 0   |
| Beverly Hills | 0 0 0 | 1 1 0   |
| San Jacinto   | 0 0 0 | 1 1 0   |
| Southmore     | 0 0 0 | 0 2 0   |
| South Houston | 0 0 0 | 0 2 0   |

**Game Scores**

Beverly Hills over Queens 25-19, 26-24  
San Jacinto over Jackson 25-16, 25-22

| Zone B   | W L T | W L T |
|----------|-------|-------|
| Thompson | 0 0 0 | 2 0 0 |
| Bondy    | 0 0 0 | 2 0 0 |
| Queens   | 0 0 0 | 1 1 0 |
| Miller   | 0 0 0 | 2 0 0 |
| Jackson  | 0 0 0 | 0 2 0 |

**Game Scores**

Thompson over Southmore 25-19, 25-27, 25-14  
Bondy over Park View 25-16, 25-2  
Miller over South Houston 25-13, 25-16

| 7L Records    | Zone  | Overall |
|---------------|-------|---------|
| Zone A        | W L T | W L T   |
| Park View     | 0 0 0 | 2 0 0   |
| South Houston | 0 0 0 | 2 0 0   |
| San Jacinto   | 0 0 0 | 1 1 0   |
| Beverly Hills | 0 0 0 | 1 1 0   |
| Southmore     | 0 0 0 | 0 2 0   |

**Game Scores**

Beverly Hills over Queens 25-21, 25-9  
South Houston over Miller 25-17, 25-15  
Park View over Bondy 25-16, 26-24  
San Jacinto over Jackson 25-22, 21-25, 25-18

| Zone B   | W L T | W L T |
|----------|-------|-------|
| Thompson | 0 0 0 | 2 0 0 |
| Bondy    | 0 0 0 | 1 1 0 |
| Miller   | 0 0 0 | 1 1 0 |
| Jackson  | 0 0 0 | 1 1 0 |
| Queens   | 0 0 0 | 0 2 0 |

**Game Scores**

Thompson over Southmore 25-20, 25-17

## Pasadena ISD Intermediate Volleyball

Through Sept. 24 matches

| 8D Records    | Zone  | Overall |
|---------------|-------|---------|
| Zone A        | W L T | W L T   |
| San Jacinto   | 0 0 0 | 2 0 0   |
| South Houston | 0 0 0 | 2 0 0   |
| Southmore     | 0 0 0 | 1 1 0   |
| Beverly Hills | 0 0 0 | 1 1 0   |
| Park View     | 0 0 0 | 0 2 0   |

**Game Scores**

San Jacinto over Jackson 25-5, 25-12  
Beverly Hills over Queens, 25-20, 25-19  
South Houston over Miller 25-17, 9-25, 25-15

| Zone B   | W L T | W L T |
|----------|-------|-------|
| Bondy    | 0 0 0 | 2 0 0 |
| Jackson  | 0 0 0 | 1 1 0 |
| Thompson | 0 0 0 | 1 1 0 |
| Queens   | 0 0 0 | 0 2 0 |
| Miller   | 0 0 0 | 0 2 0 |

**Game Scores**

Thompson over Southmore 25-14, 22-25, 25-18  
Bondy over Park View 25-5, 25-6

| 7D Records    | Zone  | Overall |
|---------------|-------|---------|
| Zone A        | W L T | W L T   |
| Park View     | 0 0 0 | 1 1 0   |
| Southmore     | 0 0 0 | 1 1 0   |
| South Houston | 0 0 0 | 1 1 0   |
| Beverly Hills | 0 0 0 | 1 1 0   |
| San Jacinto   | 0 0 0 | 0 2 0   |

**Game Scores**

South Houston over Miller 25-23, 25-20  
Beverly Hills over Queens 25-20, 26-24

| Zone B   | W L T | W L T |
|----------|-------|-------|
| Bondy    | 0 0 0 | 2 0 0 |
| Thompson | 0 0 0 | 2 0 0 |
| Queens   | 0 0 0 | 1 1 0 |
| Jackson  | 0 0 0 | 1 1 0 |
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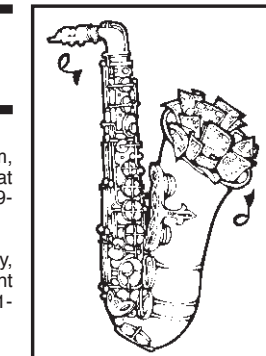
# CALENDAR

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6:30 p.m.  
**Diabetes Support Group** - A support group for young adults with Type 1 diabetes. All subjects are open for discussion: new technologies, research advances, fears, phobias, dating and other personal matters. Meets the first Thursday of each month (or the second Thursday if that day is a holiday) at various restaurants in the area. Contact Dan Steiner, CDE, at 713-922-9677 information.  
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**The Bay Area Writers League** - Meets the first Thursday of each month, Barnes and Noble, Bay Area Blvd. and the Gulf Freeway, 7 p.m. Newcomers welcome.  
8:30 p.m.  
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Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - West End Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Road 39, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.  
6 p.m.  
**Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish)** - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., room 215, First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.  
7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of Narcotics

Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy 35), next to pawn shop. For information, call 713-856-1611.  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3**  
7:30 a.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.  
10 a.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy 35), in building next to pawn shop. For more information, call 713-856-1611.  
11 a.m.  
**AI-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English)** - For persons whose lives are affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.  
1 p.m.  
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2 p.m.  
**Grief Support Group** - For any adult who has lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For information, call 281-487-8787.

5:30 p.m.  
**Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., Chapel of the Educational Building at Life Church in Houston, 9900 Almeda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for information or to RSVP for child care.  
6:30 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Candlelight Meeting, Sunday, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.  
7 p.m.  
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**MONDAY, OCTOBER 5**  
10 a.m.  
**AI-Anon Deer Park** - Monday, 10 to 11 a.m., Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P. St., Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall, back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information.  
10 a.m.  
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11:30 a.m.  
**Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park** - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409- 454-5720 for information, or just drop in.



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**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon at 2245 N. Main (next to pawn shop). For more information, call 713-856-1611.

2 p.m.  
**Genealogy Group** - Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on first and third Mondays of each month at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. Public is invited. For information, email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net.

3:30 p.m.  
**Houston Area Parkinson Society** - Free exercise and speech therapy from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit [www.hapsonline.org](http://www.hapsonline.org) for a complete list of services offered. For adults with Parkinson's disease only.

6 p.m.  
**Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Mondays at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua, 6 p.m. Come and improve crossword game playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for information.

6:30 p.m.  
**New Directions Singles** - Group for ages 55 and older meets Oct. 5, 6:30 p.m., for a potluck dinner at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway, Webster. The dinner may include guest speakers and/or group activities. For more information, call Bambi at 281-482-7143 or 281-795-4514.

6:30 p.m.  
**Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting** - meets Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518). Enter door closest to recycling bins. For information, call 713-865-3668 or visit [www.oahouston.org](http://www.oahouston.org).

7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For information, call 713-856-1611.

**Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group** - Group meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the staff meeting room. Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Betty Biel at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday at 7 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

9:30 a.m.  
**Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For information, call 713-472-0565.

10 a.m.  
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11:30 a.m.  
**Local NARFE Meeting** - The National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Parkway. A meal will be available for \$6. For more information, call Bob Mitchell at 281-333-2881.

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**Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets weekly, Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. Lunch is served for \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit [nalix@texascitizensbank.com](mailto:nalix@texascitizensbank.com).

1 p.m.  
**Trailmixers** - Meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Luby's Cafeteria on Fuqua. Former and current employees of J. Frank Dobie High School are welcome for lunch and conversation.

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1:30 p.m.  
**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - TOPS #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road, at 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.

6 p.m.  
**Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish)** - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

6:30 p.m.  
**Bay Area Quilt Guild** - Meets the first Tuesday of each month at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church located at 10310 Scarsdale Blvd., Houston. Fellowship begins at 6:30 p.m. Meeting and program begin at 7 p.m. Come for a good time and a chance to see some quilts. Guests welcome.

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11:30 a.m.  
**Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club** - meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month, 11:30 a.m., Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway (Fuqua and I-45). December may be an exception. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

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**Alzheimer's Support Group** - The free group meets the first Wednesday of each month in the third floor classrooms 3 and 4 of Bayshore Medical Center, 4000 Spencer Hwy. in Pasadena. For information, call 713-944-4782 or 713-266-6400.

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**Survivors of Suicide Support Group** - The Southeast Houston group meets twice each month. The group offers support and coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adult individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. For information on registration or to obtain a physical address for a location, call 713-533-4500 or visit [www.crisishotline.org](http://www.crisishotline.org).

**Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center** - Confidential domestic violence support group for women, 7 p.m., 210 S. Walnut off NASA Pkwy. between I-45 South and Highway 3. Call 281-338-7600 or visit [www.bayareaturningpoint.com](http://www.bayareaturningpoint.com) for information. 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.

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9:30 a.m.  
**NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse** - Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Highway 3 in Webster. Public welcome and encouraged to bring others. For information, call 281-910-1971.

10 a.m.  
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11:30 a.m.  
**ABWA - Southeast Express Network** - American Business Women's Association-South meets the second Thursday of each month, Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway (518), Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes networking with professional business women, lunch and guest speaker. Women of all ages and occupations are invited. Bring plenty of business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit [www.seen-abwa.org](http://www.seen-abwa.org).

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# Dobie versus Dawson to decide District 22-6A lead as stretch run comes

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A few weeks ago, Dobia varsity tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. said his team needed to focus on winning each of its eight 22-6A matches in order to win the school's first championship since 2012.

He meant it, kinda sort of. All along, Moreno had to know it would all come down to the Longhorns needing to score a big team win over Dawson for everything to mesh.

Well, that time is now. Dobia, unbeaten at 4-0 in league play, will take on the Eagles Friday, Oct. 2, at Dawson.

With apologies extended to the other six programs in the District 22-6A ranks, this match will almost assuredly lead to the championship for either school.

How so? That's the way it went last season, and many of the same players have returned to the scene at both Dobia and Dawson.

In 2014, Dobia and Dawson were tied 9-9 with one match remaining on the court. That match went to Dawson in a super

tiebreaker, allowing the Eagles to win the league title in their debut season after making the jump from Class 4A.

That led to Dobia eventually being eliminated in the area playoffs by Deer Park, thus denying the locals a Region III berth for the second straight season.

Perhaps this is Dobia's chance.

"We have been on a six-year increment (winning district titles)," Moreno said. "We had one in 2006, and then won our last one in 2012. Hopefully, we don't have to wait that long to get another one."

Both teams have been steamrolling the competition to this point in 22-6A action. Dawson, despite playing without the services of superchampionship level player Kevin Zhu, are again a force.

As for Dobia, boys' No. 1 singles player Luis Cabreja and girls' No. 1 singles player Hai Ho, they have done an excellent job of leading the team both on and off the court.

Still, it's no secret as to just what the Longhorns have to do in order to produce a win over the

Eagles.

"We have to build a lead in the doubles and go from there," Moreno said. "That's how we have usually had to do things here to win since I have been here, and there really is no other key to winning."

"We have to come out and show them that we are there to win and hopefully take away some of their confidence early on."

"The fewer the matchups you have to win in singles, the better off you are. I still expect a very close match, but the more wins we can get in doubles is only going to help us meet our goal of 10 wins overall."

And the Lady Longhorns might hold a big key to the puzzle for Dobia. Aside from Ho, Lada Heng, Leilani Vargas, Ashley Deveza and Karen Neira are all back from last season.

At this point in the season, that type of veteran experience could pay off big for Dobia.

"You play for matches like these," Moreno said. "This is probably going to decide the district championship."



**Dobie at Dawson**  
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Dawson High School courts

At left, David Ho slashes a forehand return in District 22-6A action against Pearland. Ho and his teammates have gotten out of the gate at 4-0 in league play, with a first-place battle coming against defending league champion Dawson. A win for Dobia could go a long way toward helping the team reclaim 22-6A supremacy for the first time since 2012. Pearland claimed the title in 2013, with Dawson taking over in 2014. Now, the Longhorns are looking to take their turn atop the standings.



Leilani Vargas (left) and Hellen Le celebrate winning a big game against Pearland earlier this season in District 22-6A action. Now, the duo figures to play a key role in a first-place battle against Dawson Oct. 2. Photos by John Bechtle

## Longhorns look to reboot season

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ense. The passing game is better, but the run game could use some work. Having a bye week in the midst of a winless streak to open the season can present its challenges. At Dobia, though, the coaches and players all challenge themselves to get this thing turned around.

"I really believe things have been going well," Norman said. "We know what went on those first four weeks, and particularly in that last one against Manvel."

"But that's going to happen to a lot of teams going against Manvel. We had some heart-to-heart conversations with the players, and we also had

some as coaches. "We've taken a good look at how we approach some things, and we really feel like we have seen a positive response."

It's no secret Dobia would love to get the running game moving along much better. To that point, offensive linemen were shifted.

Brandon Flores has moved from left tackle to center, while Jordan Shae has shifted from right guard to right tackle. It's only practice, but Norman and his staff have seen a great change.

"We've placed a pretty solid emphasis on getting the running game going, and a big part of that is creating the openings," Norman said.

"We're excited to see how some of these changes start working out for us come Friday night. It's really not about who we play on a week-to-week basis. It's about us."

"We have to go out there and do what we do. If we are successful in our execution and avoid mistakes, the results will come."

Offensively, the Longhorns have seemingly had to make adjustments throughout the season due to injuries. Receiver Jacoby Davis was lost in week two, and now Kaelon Woods is likely to miss two games or so.

Reserve quarterback Jeremy Davis, Jacoby Davis' brother, is also nursing a high ankle sprain.

Norman admits his team might be short-handed, but it's the way it goes.

"It's football," he said. "You're going to have injuries. We will get Woods and Jeremy Davis back, and that will be a big help. It's sort of a cliché in football these days, but it's sort of the 'next man up' philosophy."

"Guys are going to get opportunities, and it would be great to see a lot of them take advantage of them."

So just like in 2014 when Dobia was 0-4 and the alarm bells might have been heard in the distance, this 2015 group will march on.

It all starts with what is expected to be a very winnable game against Pasadena. But as Norman pointed out, it's all about Dobia being Dobia at this point regardless of the opponent.

At left, Dobia receiver Ryan Pair got significant playing time against Manvel and could very well see more throughout the remainder of District 22-6A play, particularly with the Longhorns' pass catching group having endured more than its share of injuries through four games.

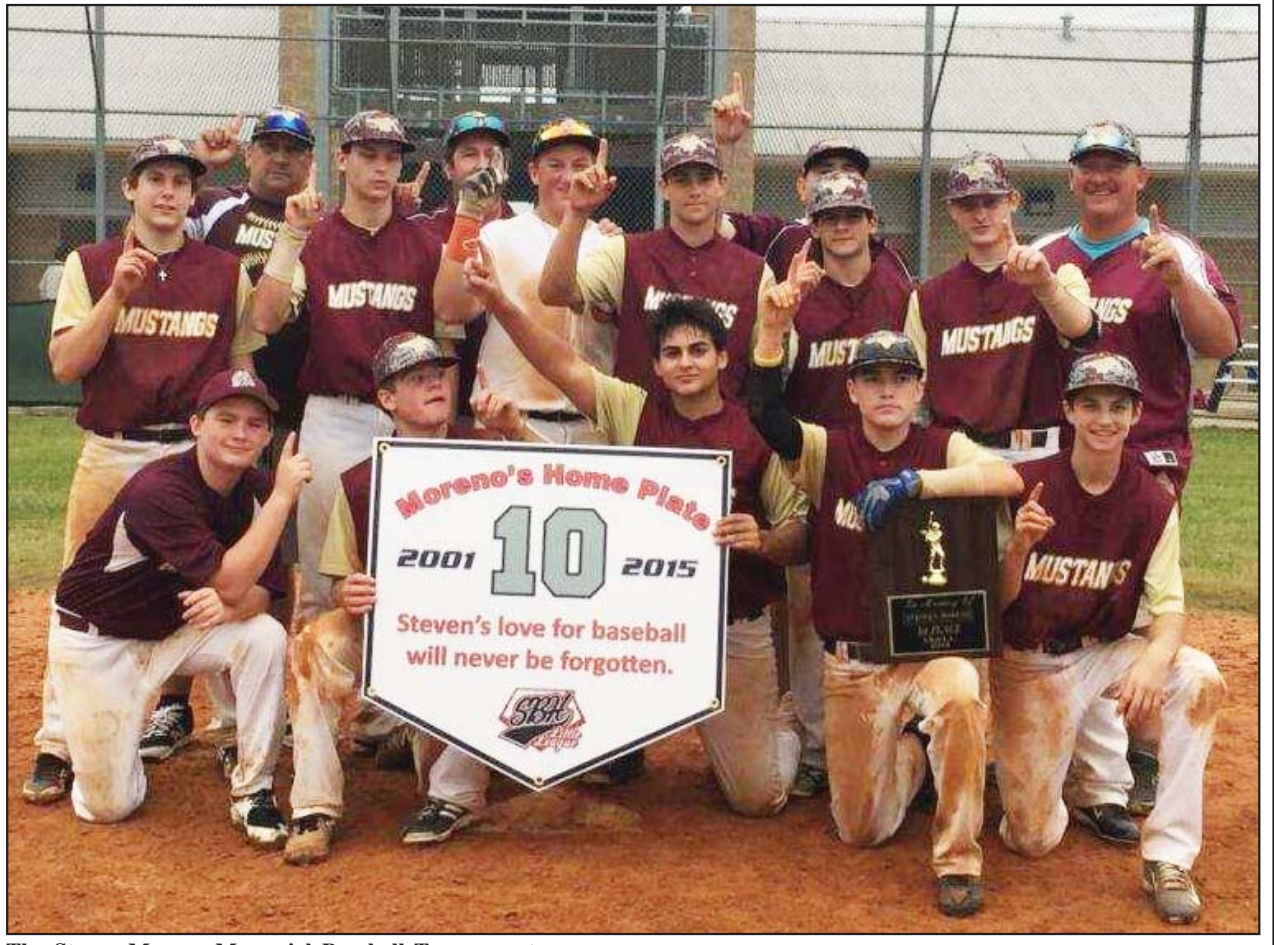
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## 22-6A Varsity Football Standings

| Team          | Overall |   |   | District |   |   |
|---------------|---------|---|---|----------|---|---|
|               | W       | L | T | W        | L | T |
| Pearland      | 5       | 0 | 0 | 3        | 0 | 0 |
| Dawson        | 4       | 1 | 0 | 3        | 0 | 0 |
| Manvel        | 3       | 1 | 0 | 2        | 0 | 0 |
| Memorial      | 2       | 3 | 0 | 2        | 1 | 0 |
| Alvin         | 3       | 1 | 0 | 1        | 1 | 0 |
| South Houston | 1       | 4 | 0 | 1        | 2 | 0 |
| Dobia         | 0       | 4 | 0 | 0        | 2 | 0 |
| Pasadena      | 2       | 3 | 0 | 0        | 3 | 0 |
| Sam Rayburn   | 0       | 5 | 0 | 0        | 3 | 0 |

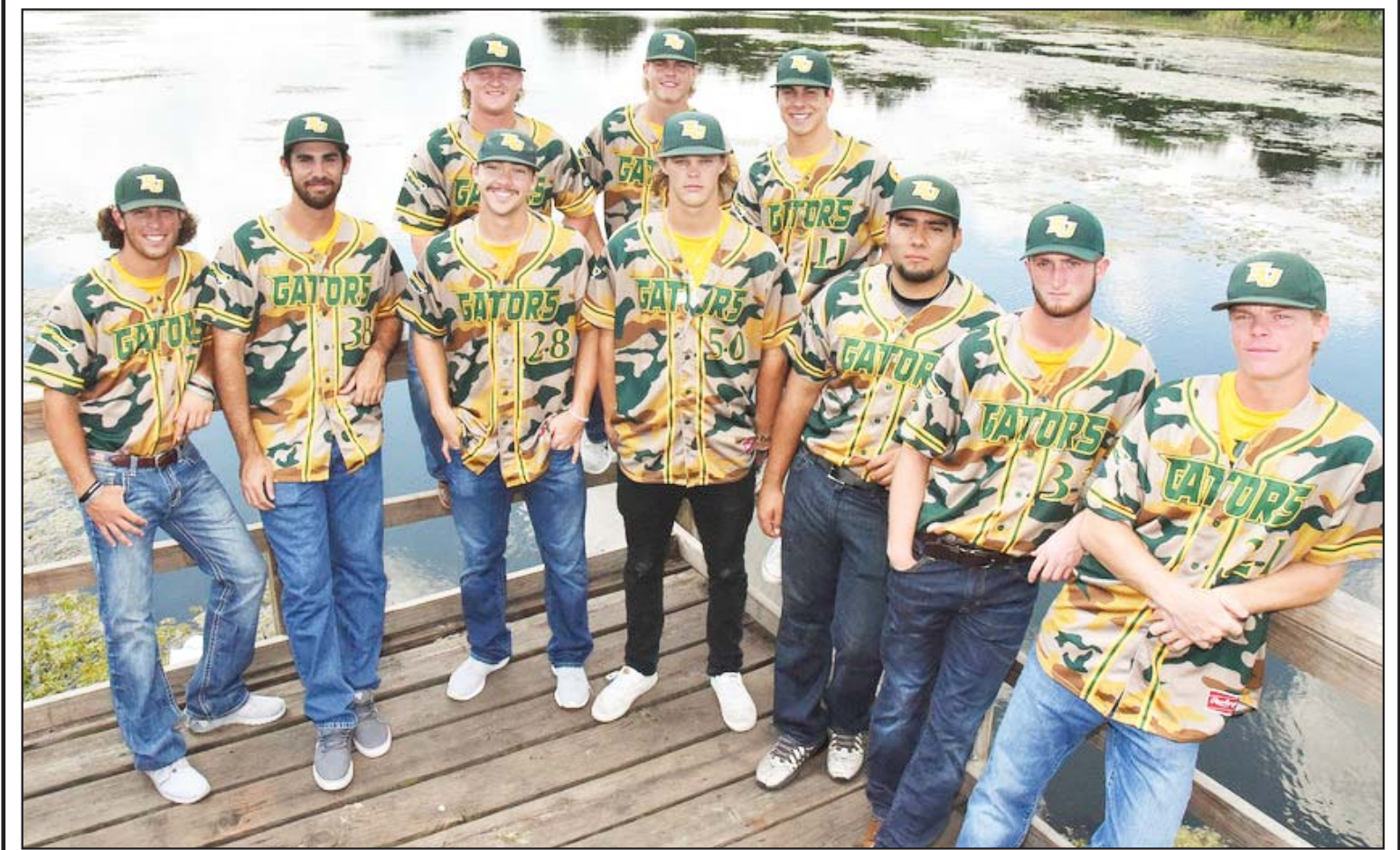
## Magnolia winners help honor Moreno's memory



The Steven Moreno Memorial Baseball Tournament was a huge success as eight 16-under select baseball teams and many community volunteers turned out in support of his family. Moreno, a Dobia High School freshman student, died earlier this month while participating in a baseball workout program. Above, the Magnolia Mustangs won the tournament, topping Texas Classic, the Scriptures, Sagemont Royals, H-Town Jokers, OFA Dodgers, Moreno's Angels and Players First for the

crown. All proceeds from the tournament went to the Moreno family to assist with burial costs, etc. Members of the Magnolia winners included, left to right, (front row) Chase Lakey, Kyle Bodden, Alex Muniz, Ethan Courtney, Jordan Christie, (middle row) Ben Schardt, Tyler Bolton, Bradley Jones, Lawrence Frattalone, Zach Bennett, Dalton Szymanski, (back row) manager Randall Smith and assistant coaches Charlie Bolton, Larry Frattalone and Jeff Szymanski

## San Jacinto College baseball players compete in all-star play



San Jacinto College baseball was well represented at the Texas/New Mexico All-Star game, played Sept. 25-26 at Weatherford College in Weatherford, Texas. In all, 10 SJC baseball players were selected to participate in the game, the largest number of players to represent the College since nine players were selected in 2003. The annual event gives baseball student-athletes an opportunity to showcase their talents in front of collegiate coaches and professional scouts in hopes of advancing in the game. Players are selected at the annual

conference meetings based on the previous year's achievements. These SJC players helped the 2015 team advance to the National Junior College Athletic Association's JUCO World Series. The players, left to right, included, (front row) Brandon Montgomery, Gonzalo Sosa, Kyle Barfield, Hudson Treu, Donny Diaz, Max Wood, Cody Nesbit, (back row) Brett Wright, Colten Schmidt and Jorge Fernandez.